



# 12-MONTH **INTERFAITH CALENDAR**

**2022-2023**

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To foster and support inclusive communities, Diversity Awareness Partnership is pleased to present the 2022-2023 12-Month Interfaith Calendar. This publication can be a useful guide to observances celebrated and practiced across many religious traditions. When planning your organization's schedule, refer to our Interfaith Calendar to honor the special practices and important days that your colleagues and friends may observe.

## Considerations

In order to accommodate people with varying religious practices, consider the following:

### FOOD

Food and drink are central to many traditions' rituals and practices. Consider vegetarian, vegan, non-alcoholic, and decaf options. Additionally, consider abstinence from food and drink, which is common for those who observe fasting differently.

### HOURS

Some holidays or special days may require individuals to worship, pray, or break fast during different hours than they may the rest of the year. Consider flexibility that takes into account the work and objectives of your employee, student, or colleague, rather than the typical time frame when this is normally accomplished.

### TIME OFF

Many organizations have standard holidays for all that center a specific religion, like Christianity. Consider allowing practitioners of other religions to float these holidays or make shifts in their schedules.

### DEADLINES/WORK FLOW

During holidays or special days that require prayer at late/early hours or that require fasting, some individuals may experience decreased stamina. Try to show empathy, and possibly examine schedules or work deadlines to see if they can be adjusted.

### PRAYER

Some religions require daily or regular prayer that requires solitude and quiet. Consider designating a space for individuals to pray that is clean, well-furnished, and accessible.

### ATTIRE

For some religions, dress is part of an outward and ongoing commitment to that faith tradition. Therefore, ensure that your organization's attire policy is inclusive enough and provides flexibility should someone need it.

# Online Resource

Interfaith Calendar of primary sacred times for world religions: [www.interfaith-calendar.org](http://www.interfaith-calendar.org)

## Notes

This calendar strives to be as inclusive as possible. Therefore, we are always open to adding more holidays, holy days, and religions. Please get in touch with us directly if there's something you'd like us to consider adding to next year's calendar.

All content in this calendar represents the information available during production. To the greatest extent possible, holidays based on lunar phases or other variables that change every Gregorian calendar year have been factored into observance dates. The spelling of specific observances may also vary based on different ways of representing words from other languages.

All Bahá'í, Jewish, and Muslim holidays begin at sunset unless otherwise noted.

We encourage all places of worship to be accessible to persons with disabilities by making necessary accommodations. Contact DAP for additional information on how your organization can become more inclusive in this way.

## COLOR KEY

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|-------------------------------------|---|
| ● Bahá'í Faith                      | ● The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints |
| ● Buddhism                          | ● Orthodox Christianity                           |
| ● Catholic Christianity/Catholicism | ● Pan-Africanism                                  |
| ● Christianity                      | ● Protestant Christianity                         |
| ● Confucianism                      | ● Rastafari                                       |
| ● Coptic Christianity               | ● Shinto Faith                                    |
| ● Ethiopian Orthodox Christianity   | ● Sikhism   |
| ● Hinduism                          | ● Swedenborgian Christianity                      |
| ● Hispanic Christianity             | ● Taoism  |
| ● Interfaith                        | ● Unitarian Universalist                          |
| ● Islam                             | ● Wicca/Paganism                                  |
| ● Jainism                           | ● Zoroastrianism                                  |
| ● Jehovah's Witnesses               | ● Cultural  |
| ● Judaism                           |   |

# JULY 2022

- 8 Friday**      **Day of Arafat | Islam (until 7/9/22)**  
Observance during Hajj, the Islamic pilgrimage to Mecca, when pilgrims pray for forgiveness and mercy
- 9 Saturday**      **Martyrdom of the Bab | Bahá'í**  
Observance of the day Ali Muhammad was executed in 1850 by Persian political and religious powers
- Eid al Adha | Islam (until 7/10/22)**  
Also known as the Sacrifice Feast, a celebration commemorating the Prophet Abraham's willingness to sacrifice his son as an obedience to God (holiday begins on the sunset of the previous day)
- 13 Wednesday**      **Asalha Puja Day | Buddhist**  
Also known as Dharma Day, the day that marks the beginning of Buddhism
- 23 Saturday**      **Birth of the Emperor Haile Selassie | Rastafari**  
Birthday of the revered messianic figure among Rastafarians
- 24 Sunday**      **Pioneer Day | The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints**  
Observation of the arrival of the first settlers at Great Salt Lake, USA
- 29 Friday**      **Hijri New Year | Islam (until 7/30/22)**  
Marks the beginning of the new Islamic lunar calendar

# AUGUST 2022

<b>1 Monday</b>	<b>Lammas   Wicca/Paganism</b> Celebration of the early harvest in the Northern Hemisphere	<b>Dormition of the Virgin Mary   Orthodox Christianity</b> Observance of the death, burial, and transfer to heaven of the Virgin Mary
<b>6 Saturday</b>	<b>Tish'a B'av   Judaism (until 8/07/22)</b> Day of fasting in remembrance of the destruction of the Temple in 586 BCE and 70 CE  <b>Transfiguration of the Lord   Orthodox Christianity</b> Observance of the transfiguration of Jesus on Mt. Tabor in the presence of his disciples	<b>17 Wednesday</b> <b>Marcus Garvey's Birthday   Rastafari</b> Celebration of the birth of Marcus Garvey
<b>7 Sunday</b>	<b>Ashura   Islam (until 8/8/22)</b> Optional one-day fast marking the martyrdom of Husayn ibn Ali (Shi'a Islam) and marking the day that Moses fasted in gratitude for liberation of the Israelites (Sunni Islam)	<b>18 Thursday</b> <b>Krishna Janmashtami   Hinduism (until 8/19/22)</b> Commemoration of the birth of Krishna, the eighth avatar of Vishnu (date varies, but this was the most agreed upon date)
<b>11 Thursday</b>	<b>Raksha Bandhan   Hinduism</b> Festival honoring the loving ties between brothers and sisters in family	<b>24 Wednesday</b> <b>Paryushana Parvarambha   Jainism</b> Festival signifying human emergence into a new world of spiritual and moral refinement, and a celebration of the natural qualities of the soul
<b>13 Saturday</b>	<b>Obon/Ulambana (Ancestor Day/Ghost Festival)   Buddhism, Shinto Faith, Taoism (until 8/15/22)</b> On this day, the gates of hell are opened on the first day, and ghosts are free to visit the world throughout this time, during which offerings are made to relieve their suffering	<b>28 Sunday</b> <b>Guru Granth Sahib Installation   Sikhism</b> Remembrance of the eternal installation of the holy books by Granth Sahib at the Golden Temple
<b>15 Monday</b>	<b>Fast in Honor of Holy Mother of Jesus   Orthodox Christianity</b> A two week fast sometimes called the Dormition Fast that bars the consumption of red meat, poultry, dairy products, fish, oil, and wine  <b>Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary   Catholic Christianity</b> Commemorating the assumption of Mary, mother of Jesus, into heaven	<b>31 Wednesday</b> <b>Ganesh Chaturthi   Hinduism</b> Festival honoring the deity Ganesha, the god of prosperity, wisdom, and success

# SEPTEMBER 2022

- 8 Thursday**      **Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary | Christianity**  
Celebration of the birth of Mary, the mother of Jesus
- 11 Sunday**      **Ethiopian New Year's Day | Rastafari**  
First day of the new year for the Ethiopian calendar
- 21 Wednesday**      **Mabon | Wicca/Paganism (until 9/29/22)**  
Observance of the Autumnal Equinox
- 24 Saturday**      **Pchum Ben | Buddhism**  
A 15-day Cambodian religious festival, culminating in celebrations at the end of the Buddhist lent, primarily to offer foods to the monks in the spiritual hope that those foods would then be offered to ancestors
- 25 Sunday**      **Rosh Hashanah | Judaism (until 9/27/22)**  
Jewish New Year, marked by a call to repentance
- 26 Monday**      **Navratri | Hinduism (until 10/5/22)**  
A nine-day festival dedicated to Goddess Durga who defeated the demon Mahishasura, signifying the victory of good over evil
- 27 Tuesday**      **Meskel | Ethiopian Orthodox Christianity**  
Commemoration of the discovery of the True Cross by St. Helen
- 28 Wednesday**      **Confucius' Birthday | Confucian**  
Observance of the birth of Confucius
- Tzom Gedaliah | Judaism**  
A day of fast from dawn until dusk to lament the assassination of Gedaliah, who administered the Jews in Judah after the destruction of the Temple and exile in 586 B.C.E.

# OCTOBER 2022

**4 Tuesday**

**Yom Kippur | Judaism (until 10/5/22)**  
Also known as the Day of Atonement with central themes of atonement and repentance

**Feast of St. Francis of Assisi | Catholic Christianity**  
A day to commemorate patron saint of animals and ecology which is often celebrated with special blessing of animals and pets

**5 Wednesday**

**Dussehra/Durga Puja | Hinduism**  
Commemoration of the end of Navratri

**7 Friday**

**Mawlid an Nabi | Islam (until 10/8/22)**  
Celebration of Prophet Muhammad's birthday

**9 Sunday**

**Birthday of Guru Ram Das | Sikhism**  
Commemoration of the birth of one of the foremost gurus of Sikhism

**Sukkot | Judaism (until 10/16/22)**  
A day commonly known as the Feast of Tabernacles, which celebrates thanking God for the completed harvest and commemorates the huts in which the Israelites dwelt after escaping enslavement in Egypt

**10 Monday**

**Indigenous Peoples' Day | Interfaith**  
The City of St. Louis has celebrated Indigenous Peoples' Day since 2018 as a time to celebrate the thriving cultures and values of the Indigenous Peoples of our region. This day is celebrated internationally by many tribes, states, counties, cities, universities, countries and schools.

**15 Saturday**

**Hoshanah Rabbah | Judaism (until 10/16/22)**  
This day is the seventh day of Sukkot when the entire Jewish community is judged by God to be worthy or not of seasonal rains; many Jews can be found praying and reading the Torah

**16 Sunday**

**Shemini Atzeret | Judaism (until 10/18/22)**  
A holy day devoted to the spiritual aspects of the festival of Sukkot

**17 Monday**

**Simchat Torah | Judaism (until 10/18/22)**  
Day to celebrate the completion of the yearly cycle of Torah reading and new cycle begins

**24 Monday**

**Diwali | Sikhism, Jainism, Hinduism**  
The Festival of Lights marking the end of the Hindu year

**25 Tuesday**

**Vikram New Year | Hinduism**  
Beginning of the Hindu year

**Birth of the Bab | Bahá'í Faith (until 10/26/22)**  
The Báb (meaning "Gate" in Arabic) is considered to have paved the way for the incarnation of Bahá'u'lláh, similar to the relationship between John the Baptist and Jesus

**26 Thursday**

**Birth of Baha'u'llah | Bahá'í Faith (until 10/27/22)**  
Honoring the founder of the Baha'i Faith, whose principal teachings are the oneness of humanity, the oneness of religion and the oneness of God

**31 Monday**

**All Hallows' Eve | Christianity**  
Praying and fasting prior to the feast of All Saints' Day

**Reformation Day | Protestant Christianity**  
Anniversary of the tradition of Protestantism, marked by Martin Luther's nailing of his 95 Theses on a church door in Wittenberg, Germany



# NOVEMBER 2022

**1 Tuesday**

**All Saints' Day | Christianity**

Day for honoring and remembering Christian saints

**Dia de los Muertos | Cultural**

Dia de los Muertos translates to "Day of the Dead" and largely originated in Mexico, where folks pay respects to friends and family who have died through a decorated altar.

**2 Wednesday**

**All Souls' Day | Catholic Christianity**

Commemoration of the souls of Christians who have died

**Coronation of Emperor Haile Selassie | Rastafari**

Celebration of the coronation of the messianic figure of the Rastafari movement

**7 Monday**

**Bon Om Touk | Buddhism (until 11/9/22)**

Bon Om Touk, also known as "the Water Festival," is an annual celebration of the end of the rainy season on the full moon of the Buddhist month of Kadeuk. The full moon is considered to bring good luck that can lead to an abundant harvest.

**8 Tuesday**

**Guru Nanak Dev Sahib's birthday | Sikhism**

Honoring of the birth of the founder of Sikhism

**16 Wednesday**

**International Day for Tolerance | Interfaith**

United Nations observance day to generate public awareness of the dangers of intolerance

**17 Thursday**

**Jain New Year | Jainism**

Beginning of the Jain year

**20 Sunday**

**Christ the King Sunday | Christianity**

Feast celebrating the all-embracing authority of Christ, over and above governmental authority

**24 Thursday**

**Martyrdom of Guru Tegh Bahadur | Sikhism**

Commemoration of the death of Guru Tegh Bahadur

**26 Saturday**

**Day of the Covenant | Bahá'í Faith**

Celebration of the covenant given in the last will and testament of Baha'u'llah

**27 Sunday**

**Advent, Liturgical Calendar New Year | Christianity (until 12/24/22)**

Season observed as a time to prepare for the birth of Jesus Christ, and also the start of the religious calendar year

**28 Monday**

**Ascension of Abdu'l-Baha | Bahá'í Faith (until 11/29/22)**

Celebration of the rising of the spirit of Abdu'l-Baha to heavenly dwelling

**Nativity Fast Begins | Orthodox Christianity (until 1/6/22)**

Period of abstinence and penance in preparation for the birth of Jesus



# DECEMBER 2022

<b>5 Monday</b>	<b>Chalica   Unitarian (until 12/11/22)</b> A week-long celebration of Unitarian Universalist principles	<b>Feast of the Nativity   Orthodox Christianity</b> Commemorates the Nativity in the flesh of Jesus Christ
<b>6 Tuesday</b>	<b>St. Nicholas Day   Christianity</b> Celebration of St. Nicholas, patron saint of children and role model for gift-giving	<b>Zarathosht No-Diso   Zoroastrianism</b> Anniversary of the death of Prophet Zarathustra
<b>8 Thursday</b>	<b>Bodhi Day   Buddhism</b> Celebration of the Enlightenment of Buddha  <b>Immaculate Conception of Mary   Catholic Christianity</b> Celebrates the belief in the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary	<b>Kwanzaa   Pan-African (until 1/1/23)</b> Holiday celebrating family, community, and culture among people of African descent
<b>12 Monday</b>	<b>Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe   Christianity</b> Honoring of a legendary appearance of the Virgin Mary near Mexico City in 1531 C.E.	<b>Holy Innocents   Christianity</b> Christian feast in remembrance of male children killed by King Herod in the same attempt to destroy Jesus
<b>16 Friday</b>	<b>Posadas Navideñas   Hispanic Christianity (until 12/24/22)</b> Nine-day religious observance during which families participate in nightly processions that re-create the Holy Pilgrimage of Mary, Joseph and the baby Jesus to Bethlehem	<b>Holy Family's Day   Catholic Christianity</b> Celebration honoring Jesus, his mother Mary, and her husband Joseph as a family
<b>18 Sunday</b>	<b>Hanukkah   Judaism (until 12/26/22)</b> Festival of lights commemorating the recapture and rededication of the Jerusalem Temple	<b>Watch Night   Christianity</b> Occasion to thank God for bringing people safely through another year and to prepare for the next year
<b>21 Wednesday</b>	<b>Yule   Wicca/Paganism (until 1/1/2023)</b> Celebration of the Winter Solstice	
<b>24 Saturday</b>	<b>Christmas Eve   Christianity</b> Day before Christmas, often celebrated with a midnight Mass/Liturgy of Jesus' birth	
<b>25 Sunday</b>	<b>Christmas   Christianity</b> Celebration of the birth of Jesus Christ	

# JANUARY 2023

<b>1 Sunday</b>	<b>Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God/ Feast of St. Basil/Feast of the Holy Name of Jesus   Catholic Christianity</b> Celebration of the Blessed Virgin Mary, the mother of Jesus Christ	<b>World Religion Day   Bahá'í Faith</b> Day dedicated to the unity and oneness of the world religions
<b>5 Thursday</b>	<b>Twelfth Night   Christianity</b> Conclusion of the Twelve Days of Christmas and marking of the coming of the Epiphany	<b>17 Tuesday</b> Feast of St. Anthony the Abbot/ Blessing of the Animals   Hispanic Catholicism Observance of showing respect for domestic animals that are significant to people
<b>6 Friday</b>	<b>Epiphany/Three Kings Day /Dia de los Reyes Magos   Christianity</b> Feast to celebrate the visit of the Three Wise Men to Baby Jesus	<b>18 Wednesday</b> <b>Week of Prayer for Christian Unity   Christianity (until 1/25/23)</b> Ecumenical observance focused on prayer for church unity
<b>7 Saturday</b>	<b>Orthodox Christmas   Orthodox Christianity</b> Celebration of the birth of Jesus Christ  <b>Ethiopian Christmas   Rastafari</b> Celebration of the birth of Jesus Christ  <b>Coptic Christmas   Coptic Christianity</b> Celebration of the birth of Jesus Christ  <b>Mahayana New Year   Buddhism</b> A time of meditation and self reflection to bring in the Buddhist New Year	<b>19 Thursday</b> <b>Timkat   Ethiopian Orthodox Christianity</b> Commemoration of the baptism of Jesus in the Jordan River by John the Baptist
<b>8 Sunday</b>	<b>Baptism of the Lord Jesus   Christianity</b> Commemoration of the baptism of Jesus in the Jordan River by St. John the Baptist	<b>22 Sunday</b> <b>Lunar New Year   Confucianism, Taoism, Buddhism</b> Celebration marking the start of the lunar new year and is a time to give thanks for family and remember ancestors
<b>9 Monday</b>	<b>Seijin no Hi   Shinto Faith</b> Honors those who have or will reach the age of twenty within the current year	<b>25 Tuesday</b> <b>Conversion of St. Paul   Christianity</b> Honoring the conversion of Paul the Apostle, after which he became a follower of Jesus
<b>13 Friday</b>	<b>Maghi   Sikhism</b> Commemoration of a battle in which 40 Sikhs died for Guru Gobind Singh	<b>26 Thursday</b> <b>Vasant Panchami   Hinduism</b> Festival of spring honoring the goddess of learning
<b>15 Sunday</b>	<b>Makar Sankranti   Hinduism</b> Celebration marking the turning of the Sun toward the north in reverence to deity Surya, god of the Sun	

# FEBRUARY 2023

**1 Wednesday**    **Imbolc | Wicca/Paganism**  
Celebration of the passage from winter to spring

**2 Thursday**    **Presentation of Christ in the Temple | Christianity**  
Remembrance of the infant Jesus being brought to the temple in Jerusalem

**3 Friday**    **Setsubun-sai | Shinto Faith**  
Celebration of the traditional beginning of spring and the end of winter

**Four Chaplains Sunday | Interfaith**  
Commemoration of U.S. Army chaplains who gave their lives to save others during WWII

**5 Sunday**    **Tu B'Shvat | Judaism (until 2/6/23)**  
Celebration of the coming of spring

**Triodion Begins | Orthodox Christianity**  
Time period leading up to Lent

**Spring Lantern Festival | Confucianism, Taoism, Buddhism**  
Marks the final day of the Lunar New Year celebrations

**14 Tuesday**    **Race Relations Day | Christianity**  
Day recognizing the importance of interracial relations and learning

**St. Valentine's Day | Christianity**  
Feast day of St. Valentine, celebrating love and affection

**15 Wednesday**    **Nirvana Day (Parinivarna Day | Buddhism)**  
A day to remember the death of Buddha when he reached Nirvana, ending the cycle of birth and rebirth

**18 Saturday**    **Laylatul Miraj | Islam**  
Commemorates the Prophet Muhammed's nighttime journey from Mecca to Jerusalem, where he then ascended to heaven

**Maha Shivaratri | Hinduism**  
Festival honoring Lord Shiva and his marriage to the goddess Parvati

**21 Tuesday**    **Shrove Tuesday (Fat Tuesday | Christianity)**  
Carnival day on the eve of Ash Wednesday

**25 Saturday**    **Intercalary Days | Bahá'í Faith (until 3/1/23)**  
Insertion of days into the calendar in order to maintain the solar calendar, considered 'days outside of time'

**27 Monday**    **Clean Monday | Orthodox Christianity**  
Start of Lent for Orthodox Christians, refers to the leaving behind of sinful attitudes and non-fasting foods

# MARCH 2023

**2 Thursday**

**Nineteen Day Fast | Bahá'í Faith (until 3/20/23)**

A nineteen-day period of the year, during which adults of the Bahá'í Faith adhere to a sunrise-to-sunset fast

**Ash Wednesday | Christianity**

Observance to begin the 40-day season of Lent; ashes are marked on worshippers' foreheads as a sign of repentance

**5 Sunday**

**Sunday of Orthodoxy | Orthodox Christianity**

First Sunday of Lent, at which time restoration of icons in the church is celebrated

**6 Monday**

**Magha Puja Day | Buddhism**

Important Buddhist festival celebrated on the full moon day of the third lunar month to commemorate significant events following the Enlightenment of Buddha

**Ta'anit Esther | Judaism**

Fast on Purim eve, commemorating the fast of the Jewish people in the story of Purim

**Purim | Judaism (until 3/7/23)**

Commemorates the saving of the Jewish people from Haman, who was planning to kill them

**7 Tuesday**

**Laylat al Bara'ah (Night of Forgiveness) | Islam (until 3/8/23)**

A significant day where Muslims seek forgiveness for their sins and believe that on this night, one's destiny for the coming year is written by God.

**8 Wednesday**

**Hola Mohalla | Sikhism (until 3/10/23)**

Created by Guru Gobind Singh as an occasion for Sikhs to show their martial arts skills and host mock battles

**Holi | Hinduism**

Spring festival known as the "festival of colors" that signifies the victory of good over evil

**17 Friday**

**St. Patrick's Day | Christianity**

Feast Day of St. Patrick who brought Christianity to Ireland

**20 Monday**

**Ostara | Wicca/Paganism**

Celebrates the Spring Equinox, the season's change from dark winter to brightening spring

**21 Tuesday**

**Nowruz (Persian New Year) | Bahá'í Faith, Zoroastri, Interfaith**

Marks the start of the New Year which occurs on the date of Spring Equinox

**22 Wednesday**

**Ramadan Begins | Islam (29 or 30 days long)**

A holy month in which the Islamic scripture, the Quran, was revealed and Muslims observe fasting, prayer, and spiritual reflection

**Ramayana Week | Hinduism (until 3/30/23)**

A nine day festival that marks the auspicious celebration of the appearance of Hindu Lord, Sri Ram

**25 Saturday**

**Annunciation of the Blessed Virgin Mary | Christianity**

Feast day commemorating Mary being told by the angel Gabriel that she would be the mother of Jesus, the son of God

**30 Thursday**

**Rama Navami | Hinduism**

Celebration of the birth of Lord Rama

# APRIL 2023

**2 Sunday**

**Palm Sunday | Christianity**

Celebration of the entry of Jesus into Jerusalem which marks the start of Holy Week

**4 Tuesday**

**Mahavir Jayanti | Jainism**

Celebration of the birth of Mahavira, founder of Jainism as a religion

**Lord's Evening Meal | Jehovah's Witnesses**  
Memorial commemoration of the death of Jesus Christ

**5 Wednesday**

**Qingming Festival | Taoism, Confucianism**

Also known as Tomb Sweeping Day, commemorates onset of spring and is an occasion to remember ancestors

**Passover/Pesach | Judaism (until 4/13/23)**  
Eight-day celebration of the deliverance of the Jews from slavery in Egypt

**6 Thursday**

**Founding of the Church | The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints**

Commemoration of the appearance of the angel Moroni in 1830 to Joseph Smith, who subsequently founded the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints

**Maundy Thursday | Christianity**

A day of remembrance of Jesus' last meal with his disciples

**Hanuman Jayanti | Hinduism**

Celebration of Hanuman, an embodiment of Lord Rama; devotion and selfless works are encouraged

**Theravada New Year | Buddhism**

The Buddhist New Year, when buddhists devote themselves to meditation, self-reflection, and learning from past mistakes

**7 Friday**

**Good Friday/Holy Friday | Christianity, Orthodox Christianity**

Remembrance of the crucifixion and death of Jesus

**8 Saturday**

**Lazarus Saturday | Orthodox Christianity**

Celebration of the resurrection of Lazarus by Jesus

**9 Sunday**

**Easter | Christianity**

Holy day commemorating the resurrection of Jesus Christ

**14 Friday**

**Khmer New Year (Cambodian New Year) Buddhism (until 4/17/23)**

The new year that is celebrated just after the harvest has been gathered and safely stored, when farmers enjoy the fruits of their labor before the rainy season begins.

**Vaisakhi | Sikhism, Hinduism**

In Sikhism, the day commemorates the founding and birth of the Khalsa, and the year this religion was born as a collective faith. In Hinduism, this day marks the new year of the Hindu Solar Calendar. Vaisakhi can be celebrated in different ways, including as a harvest festival.

**16 Sunday**

**Eastern Orthodox Easter | Orthodox Christianity**

Holy day commemorating the resurrection of Jesus Christ

**17 Monday**

**Yom HaShoah | Judaism (ends 4/18/23)**

Holocaust Day, established to remember the six million Jews killed by the Nazi regime

**18 Tuesday**

**Laylat al-Qadr (Night of Power) | Islam**

A special night of prayer in the month of Ramadan where it is believed that the blessings and mercy of God are multiplied by the thousands

**21 Friday**

**First Day of Ridvan | Bahá'í Faith**

Commemorates the beginning of the Bahá'í faith in 1863 when Baha'u'llah first declared his mission

**Eid al Fitr | Islam (until 4/22/23)**

Festival that marks the end to the fasting month of Ramadan

**Grounation Day | Rastafari**

Holy day celebrated in honor of Haile Selassie's 1966 visit to Jamaica

**29 Saturday**

**Ninth Day of Ridvan | Bahá'í Faith**

Day of recognition for the historic and symbolic event of Baha'u'llah's exile from Baghdad

# MAY 2023

<b>1 Monday</b>	<b>Beltane   Wicca/Paganism</b> Celebration of the conjoining of the goddess with the energy of the god in sacred marriage, the basis of all creation	<b>21 Sunday</b>	<b>World Day for Cultural Diversity for Dialogue &amp; Development   Interfaith</b> United Nations-sanctioned international holiday that celebrates the richness of the world's cultures while promoting intercultural dialogue
<b>2 Tuesday</b>	<b>Twelfth Day of Ridvan   Bahá'í Faith</b> Final day of the twelve-day festival which celebrates the beginning of the Bahá'í faith	<b>23 Tuesday</b>	<b>Declaration of the Bab   Bahá'í Faith</b> Celebration of the Bab, a beloved messenger of God, on the day he announced that he was the "gate" to the coming of the promised one of all religions
<b>4 Thursday</b>	<b>National Day of Prayer   Interfaith</b> U.S. day of observance encouraging prayer among all faiths	<b>25 Thursday</b>	<b>African Liberation Day   Pan-African</b> Commemoration of the formation of the Organization of African Unity/ African Union
<b>5 Friday</b>	<b>Visakha Puja (Buddha Day)   Buddhism</b> Commemorates the birth, enlightenment, and death of Guatama Buddha in the Theravada tradition		<b>Shavuot   Judaism (until 5/27/23)</b> Celebration of the descent of Moses from Mt. Sinai with the Ten Commandments
<b>7 Sunday</b>	<b>Chongmyo Taeje   Confucianism</b> Confucian memorial ceremony to honor the kings and queens of the Yi, or Joseon, Dynasty	<b>28 Sunday</b>	<b>Pentecost   Christianity, Orthodox Christianity</b> Commemorates the descent of the Holy Spirit upon the Apostles
<b>8 Monday</b>	<b>Lag BaOmer   Judaism (until 5/9/23)</b> A day of celebration interrupting the sadness and semi-mourning of the Omer period for 24 hours	<b>29 Monday</b>	<b>Ascension of Baha'u'llah   Bahá'í Faith</b> Remembrance of the death of Baha'u'llah, founder of Bahá'í
<b>13 Saturday</b>	<b>World Falun Dafa/Falun Gong Day   Buddhism</b> Celebration of the spiritual discipline introduced in China in 1992		
<b>18 Thursday</b>	<b>Ascension of Jesus   Christianity</b> Remembrance of the departure of Jesus from Earth after his resurrection, celebrated 40 days after Easter  <b>Ascension Day   Orthodox Christianity</b> Remembrance of the departure of Jesus from Earth after his resurrection, celebrated 40 days after Easter		



# JUNE 2023

## 4 Sunday

### Trinity Sunday | Christianity

Celebrates doctrine of the Trinity, remembering and honoring God the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit

## 8 Thursday

### Corpus Christi | Catholic Christianity

Celebration of the presence of the body and blood of Jesus Christ in the Eucharist

## 11 Sunday

### Race Unity Day | Bahá'í Faith

Day to promote racial harmony and understanding

## 16 Friday

### Guru Arjan Martyrdom | Sikhism

Honoring the first Sikh martyr whose death resulted in changes in the faith's tradition

### Feast of the Sacred Heart of Jesus | Catholic Christianity

Occasion to pay homage to Christ's all-encompassing love for humanity

## 19 Monday

### Juneteenth | Interfaith

Juneteenth (short for "June Nineteenth") is a holiday commemorating the day the news of the abolition of slavery came to Galveston, Texas.

## 21 Wednesday

### Litha | Wicca/Paganism

Celebration of the sacred marriage, in which the energy of the gods is poured into the services of life (Summer Solstice)

## 22 Thursday

### Dragon Boat Festival | Taoism

Chinese festival commemorating fealty and filial piety and recognizing the life and death of Chinese Scholar, Qu Yuan

## 28 Wednesday

### Eid al Adha | Islam (until 6/29/23)

Also known as the Sacrifice Feast, a celebration commemorating the Prophet Abraham's willingness to sacrifice his son as an obedience to God (holiday begins on the sunset of the previous day)



# ABOUT DAP

**Diversity Awareness Partnership is a catalyst to increase awareness, facilitate engagement, and provide education about diversity and inclusion.**

## DIVERSITY & INCLUSION TRAINING

Diversity Awareness Partnership's education and training programs are delivered through presentations, seminars, community forums, and interactive sessions where the focus is understanding and dialogue. These sessions raise awareness around topics of diversity and strategies for inclusion. We take a comprehensive approach to inclusion by working with your organization to contextualize training within a broad array of other services.

## GIVE RESPECT, GET RESPECT PROGRAM

Give Respect, Get Respect is a free five-session anti-bias program that takes place throughout a typical academic calendar year. The program connects middle and high school students, school administrators, and associates from local businesses in an effort to address diversity and encourage respect and acceptance among peers/co-workers. Each session is designed with a specific focus on developing deeper understanding and dialogue around race, religion, sexual orientation, gender, and ability.

GRGR gives students the tools to become inclusive leaders within their schools and helps break down walls that separate students from each other. Students grow by interacting with one another, learning more about different communities and identities, and bridging divides through awareness and education.

## EXPLORE CAREER IMMERSION PROGRAMS

Wide racial disparities in high-demand career fields led Diversity Awareness Partnership and industry leaders in the St. Louis region to invest in EXPLORE Career Immersion programs. EXPLORE focuses on connecting students of color to professional mentors in the business community here in St. Louis, and strengthening the high school-to-career diversity pipeline critical to supporting an equitable and inclusive workforce in our region. As high school students begin thinking about their careers, they are looking for jobs in places where they see opportunities for people with diverse backgrounds. The heart of the EXPLORE Career Immersion Program is to make St. Louis that place.

## D&I SEMINAR SERIES

Diversity & Inclusion are constantly evolving landscapes. We will always have more to learn, more to share, more to explore, and more to innovate around, as our shared spaces grow in the direction of liberation for all marginalized people. DAP's D&I Seminar Series aims to be a part of that collective learning; the program consists of 1.5-hour educational sessions that focus on different aspects of diversity, equity, and inclusion in the workplace. Together we can tackle nuanced topics with humility and excitement - topics that have a huge impact on our everyday lived experiences.

**Call (314) 257-0800 or visit [dapinclusive.org](http://dapinclusive.org) for more information.**



## **MISSION**

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## **VISION**

Diversity Awareness Partnership's vision is inclusive communities where diversity is respected and embraced, and equity is the norm.

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