



# 2024 Religious Observances Calendar

January	February	March	April
<p>1/1- Solemnity of Mary (Catholic) 1/2- Feast of St Basil (Orthodox) 1/2- Hanukkah Ends (Jewish) 1/6- Epiphany (Catholic/Christian) 1/7- Nativity Fast Ends (Orthodox) 1/7- Coptic Orthodox Christmas 1/7- The Baptism of Jesus (Christian) 1/13- Maghi-Lohri (Sikh) 1/14- Orthodox New Year 1/15- Makar Sankranti (Hindu) 1/15 to 18- Pongal (Hindu) 1/16- Guru Har Rai Birthday (Sikh) 1/19- Epiphany (Orthodox) 1/21- World Religion Day (Bahá'í) 1/24 to 25- Tu Bishvat (Jewish) 1/25- Mahayana New Year (Buddhist) 1/25- Thaipusam (Hindu)</p>	<p>2/1 to 2- Imbolc/ St. Brigid's Day (Pagan/Wiccan/Gaelic/Christian) 2/2- Candlemas (Christian) 2/2- Feast of Presentation of Christ (Orthodox) 2/7 to 8- Lailat al Miraj (Islam)# 2/10- Chinese /Lunar New Year (Buddhist) 2/13- Shrove Tuesday (Christian) 2/14- Vasant Panchami (Hindu) 2/1 to 4- St. Valentine's Day (Christian) 2/14- Ash Wednesday (Catholic/Christian) 2/14- Lent Begins (Orthodox) 2/15- Nirvana Day (Buddhist) 2/24- Magha Puja Day (Buddhist) 2/24 to 25- Laylat al Bara'at (Islam)# 2/26 to 29- Ayyám-i-Há/Intercalary Days (Bahá'í)</p>	<p>3/8- Maha Shivaratri (Hindu) 3/8 to 9 Lag BaOmer (Jewish) # 3/11- Ramadan Begins (Islam)* 3/11 to 4/10- Month of Fasting (Bahá'í)* 3/17- St. Patrick's Day (Christian) 3/19- Ostara (Pagan/Wicca) 3/19- St. Joseph's Day (Christian) 3/21- Naw-Rúz/New Year (Bahá'í) 3/23- 3/24 Purim (Jewish) # 3/23- 3/24 Shushan Purim (Jewish)# 3/24- Holika Dahan (Hindu) 3/24- Holi (Hindu) 3/24- Palm Sunday (Catholic/Christian) 3/25- Guru Gobind Singh Birthday (Sikh) 3/25- Hola Mohalla (Sikh) 3/28- Maundy Thursday (Catholic/Christian) 3/28- Good/Holy Friday (Catholic/Orthodox) 3/29- Lazarus Saturday (Orthodox) 3/30- Lent Ends (Orthodox) 3/30- Easter (Christian/Catholic)</p>	<p>4/1- Easter Monday (Christian/Catholic) 4/6- Laylat al Qadr (Islam) 4/9- Hindi New Year (Hindu) 4/9- Ugadi/Gudi Padwa/Telugu New Year (Hindu) 4/10- Ramadan Ends (Islam) 4/10- Eid al Fitr (Islam)# 4/13- Vaisakhi (Sikh/Hindu) 4/14- Tamil New Year/ Pathandu (Hindu) 4/15- Bengali New Year/ Bihu (Hindu) 4/16- Ram Navami (Hindu) 4/18- Birthday of Guru Angad Dev (Sikh) 4/21- Ridván Begins (Bahá'í) 4/22 to 30- Passover (Jewish)# (4/22- First Seder, 4/23- Second Seder) 4/23- Hanuman Jayanti (Hindu) 4/23- St. George's Day (Christian) 4/24- Theravada New Year (Buddhist) 4/29- Ninth Day of Ridván (Bahá'í)</p>
May	June	July	August
<p>5/1- Beltane (Pagan/Wicca) 5/2- Twelfth Day of Ridván, (End of Ridván) (Bahá'í) 5/5- Orthodox Easter Sunday (Orthodox) 5/5 to 6- Yom Hashoah / Holocaust, Remembrance Day (Jewish) # 5/9- Ascension of Jesus (Catholic, Christian) 5/9- Ascension Day (Orthodox) 5/10- Akshaya Tritya (Hindu) 5/12 to 13- Yom HaZikaron (Jewish)# 5/13 to 14- Yom HaAtzma'ut (Jewish)# 5/19- Pentecost (Catholic/Christian) 5/23- Vesak - Buddha's Birthday</p>	<p>6/4- Yom Yerushalayim (Jewish) # 6/6- Savitri Pooja (Hindu) 6/7- Feast of the Sacred Heart (Catholic) 6/9- Race Unity Day (Bahá'í) 6/11 to 13- Shavuot (Jewish)# 6/15- Waqf al Arafah-Hajj (Islam) 6/16- Martyrdom of Guru Arjan Dev, Sahib (Sikh) 6/16- Martyrdom of Guru Arjan Dev, Sahib (Sikh)# 6/16- Eid-al-Adha (Islam) 6/20- Summer Solstice/Litha (Pagan/Wicca) 6/29- Saints Peter and Paul Day (Christian)</p>	<p>7/7- Puri Rath Yatra (Hindu) 7/9- Martyrdom of the Báb (Bahá'í) 7/15- Saint Vladimir (Christian) 7/17- Day of Ashura/Muharram (Islam)# 7/19- Hijra- Islamic New Year (Islam) 7/21- Asala- Dharma Day (Buddhist) 7/21- Guru Purnima (Hindu) 7/23- The 17th of Tammuz (Jewish) 7/23- Birthday of Haile Selassie (Rastafari) 7/24- Pioneer Day (Mormon) 7/25- St. James the Great Day (Christian) 7/31- Lughnasadh (Pagan/Wicca)</p>	<p>8/1- Lammass (Christian) 8/6- Transfiguration of the Lord (Orthodox) 8/9- Nag Panchami (Hindu) 8/13- Tish'a B'Av (Jewish) 8/13- Obon (Buddhist) 8/15- Dormition Fast Ends (Orthodox) 8/15- Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary (Catholic/Christian) 8/16- Varalakshmi Vrat (Hindu) 8/19- Raksha Bandhan (Hindu) 8/25- Arbaeen (Islam) 8/26- Krishna Janmashtami (Hindu) 8/28- Dormition of Theotokos (Orthodox) 8/31 to 9/ 8- Paryushans (Jainism)</p>
September	October	November	December
<p>9/6- Ganesh Chaturthi (Hindu) 9/11- The Nayrouz Feast (Coptic New Year) (Orthodox) 9/14- Holy Cross Day (Christian) 9/15- Onam (Hindu) 9/15- Milad un Nabi (Islam) 9/16- Vishwakarma Puja (Hindu) 9/17 to 10/2- Pitru Paksha (Hindu) 9/21- Nativity of Theotokos (Orthodox) 9/21- Autumn Equinox/Mabon (Pagan/Wicca) 9/27- Elevation of the Cross (Orthodox) 9/29- Michaelmas (Christian)</p>	<p>10/2- Rosh Hashana starts (Jewish) 10/2- Mahalaya Amavasya (Hindu) 10/3 to 12- Navratri (Hindu) 10/4- Rosh Hashana Ends (Jewish) 10/6- Fast of Gedaliah (Jewish) 10/11 to 12- Yom Kippur (Jewish)# 10/12- Susshera (Hindu) 10/16- Sharad Purnima (Hindu) 10/16 to 23- Sukkot (Jewish) # 10/20- Birth of Guru Granth (Sikh) 10/22 to 23- Hoshanah Rabbah (Jewish) 10/13 to 24- Shemini Atzeret (Jewish)# 10/24 to 25- Simchat Torah (Jewish)# 10/29- Dhanteras (Hindu) 10/31- All Hallows Eve (Christian) 10/31- Diwali (Sikh/Hindu) 10/31 to 11/1- Samhain (Pagan/Wicca)# 10/31 to 11/2- Day of the Dead / Día de los Muertos</p>	<p>11/1- All Saints' Day (Catholic/Christian/Orthodox) 11/1- Karwa Chauth (Hindu) 11/2- All Souls' Day (Christian) 11/2- Anniversary of the Crowning of Haile Selassie (Rastafari) 11/3- Birth of Bahá'u'lláh (Bahá'í) 11/3- Bhái Dooj (Hindu) 11/5- Chhath Puja (Hindu) 11/15- Guru Nanak Birthday (Sikh) 11/15- Kartik Purnima (Hindu, Sikh, Jain) 11/24- Martyrdom of Guru Tegh Bahadur Sahib (Sikh) 11/24- Christ the King (Christian) 11/26- Day of Covenant (Bahá'í) 11/28- Ascension of 'Abdu'l-Bahá (Bahá'í) 11/30- St. Andrew's Day (Christian)</p>	<p>12/1- Advent- 1st Sunday (Christian) 12/6- St. Nicholas Day (Christian) 12/8- Bodhi Day (Buddhist) 12/8- 2nd Sunday of Advent (Christian) 12/9- The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary (Catholic) 12/11- Geeta Jayanti (Hindu) 12/15- Dhanu Sankranti (Hindu) 12/15- 3rd Sunday of Advent (Christian) 12/21- Winter Solstice/Yule (Pagan/Wicca) 12/22- 4th Sunday of Advent (Christian) 12/24- Christmas Eve (Catholic/Christian/Orthodox) 12/25- Christmas (Catholic/Christian/Orthodox) 12/26- Hanukkah Starts (Jewish)# 12/26- Kwanzaa 12/27- Feast of St. Stephen (Catholic) 12/28- Holy Innocents (Christian) 12/31- Watch Night (Christian)</p>



#Denotes the observance begins at sundown in the evening. \* Denotes the observance begins at sunrise.

The intent of these calendar entries is to provide information on diverse religious practices as a way to bring awareness to the diverse religious practices in our city. The calendar events can be referenced to avoid scheduling significant events, exams or meetings on days that people may not be able to attend due to these religious observances. Reference to any specific observance is for the information and convenience of the public and does not constitute an endorsement or any religious nor declaration of an official holiday. Community input is requested. Please submit entries to [humanrights@worcesterma.gov](mailto:humanrights@worcesterma.gov).