

Diversity Calendar (Religious, Human Rights and Equity Observances)

International Year of Plant Year and International Year of the Nurse and the Midwife (United Nations)

January 2021

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					1 New Year's Day* Gantan-Sai (New Year's) (Shinto)*	2
3	4	5 Twelfth Night* (Christian)	6 Epiphany* (Christian)	7 Nativity of Christ* (Armenian – Orthodox Christian)	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23 Chinese New Year (Confucian, Daoist, Buddhist)
24	25	26	27 Int'l Day to Commemorate Memory of Victims of Holocaust* (UN)	28	29	30
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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Black History Month	1	2	3 Setsubun-sai* (Shinto)	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12 Chinese New Year (Confucian, Daoist, Buddhist)	13
14 Valentine's Day*	15 Family Day	16 Shrove Tuesday (Christian)	17 Ash Wednesday (Lent Begins) (Christian)	18	19	20 World Day of Social Justice* (UN)
21 International Mother Language Day* (UN)	22	23	24	25	26	27
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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1 Zero Discrimination Day (UNAIDS)	2	3	4	5	6
7	8 International Women's Day* (UN)	9	10	11	12	13
14	15 Lent (Orthodox)	16	17 St. Patrick's Day* (Christian)	18	19	20 Journée internationale de la francophonie* (UN) UN French Language Day*
21 Naw Ruz* (Baha'i) Int'l Day for Elimination of Racial Discrimination* (UN)	22 World Water Day*	23	24 Int'l Day for Truth Regarding Gross Human Rights violations and dignity of victims* (UN)	25 Int'l Day of Remembrance to Victims of Slavery and Transatlantic Slave Trade* (UN)	26	27 Pesach (Passover – to April 4) (Judaism)
28 Magha Puja Day (Buddhism) Palm Sunday (Christian)	29	30	31 Trans Day of Visibility*			

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				1	2 World Autism Awareness Day* (UN) Good Friday (Christian)	3
4 Easter (Christian)	5 Easter Monday	6	7 World Health Day* (UN)	8 Visakha Puja – Buddha Day (Buddhism)	9	10
11	12	13 Hindu New Year Ramadan Begins (Islam)	14 Baisakhi (New Year)* (Sikh) International Day of Pink	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25 Palm Sunday (Orthodox Christian)	26	27 Mahavir Jayanti (Jain)	28 National Day of Mourning* (CLC/Gov't of Canada) World Day for Safety and Health at Work	29	30 Good Friday (Orthodox)	

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Asian Heritage Month						1 Beltane and Samhain* (Wicca/Pagan) May Day/Int'l Worker's Day* (CLC)
2 Pascha (Easter) (Orthodox Christian)	3	4	5	6	7	8
9 Mother's Day	10	11	12	13	14 Eid al Fitr (sunset to May 16) (Islam)	15
16	17 Int'l Day Against Homophobia, Transphobia and Biphobia* (IDAHO) (Fondation Émergence)	18	19	20	21 World Day for Cultural Diversity for Dialogue and Development* (UN)	22
23/30 Pentecost (Christian) – May 23 Declaration of the Bab* (Baha'i) – May 23	24/31 Victoria Day – May 24	25	26	27	28	29 Ascension of Baha'u'llah* (Baha'i)

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Pride Month National Indigenous History Month		1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12 World Day Against Child Labour* (UN)
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20 World Refugee Day* (UN) Fathers Day	21 National Indigenous Peoples Day*	22	23 United Nations Public Service Day*	24	25	26
27 Multiculturalism Day* (Gov't of Canada)	28	29	30			

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				1 Canada Day*	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13 Obon (Shinto-Buddhism)	14	15	16	17
18 Nelson Mandela International Day* (UN)	19	20 Eid al Adha (to July 23) (Islam)	21	22	23	24 Asalha Puja Day (Buddhism)
25	26	27	28	29	30	31

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1	2 Civic Holiday	3 Krishna Janmashtami (Hindu)	4	5	6	7
8	9 International Day of World's Indigenous People* (UN)	10	11	12 International Youth Day* (UN)	13	14
15	16	17	18	19 World Humanitarian Day* (UN)	20	21
22	23 International Day for Remembrance of Slave Trade and its Abolition* (UN)	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	31				

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			1	2	3	4
5	6 Labour Day Rosh Hashanah (to Sept. 8) (Judaism)	7	8 International Literacy Day* (UNESCO)	9	10	11 Paryushana Parva (Jain)
12	13 Yom Kippur (Judaism)	14	15 International Day of Democracy* (UN)	16	17	18
19	20	21 International Day of Peace* (UN)	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30 Orange T-Shirt Day* (Indigenous)		

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Women's History Month					1 International Day of Older Persons*(UN)	2
3	4	5	6	7 Navaratri (to Oct. 14) (Hindu)	8	9
10 World Mental Health Day* (UN)	11 Thanksgiving Day International Day of the Girl Child* (UN)	12	13	14	15	16
17 International Day for the Eradication of Poverty* (UN)	18	19	20	21	22	23
24/31 United Nations Day* - Oct 24 Halloween* – Oct 31	25	26	27	28	29	30

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	1 Samhain – Litha* (Wicca/Pagan)	2	3	4 Diwali (Hindu-Jain-Sikh)	5	6
7	8	9	10	11 Remembrance Day*	12	13 Jain New Year (Jain)
14	15	16 Louis Riel Day* (Métis) International Day for Tolerance* (UNESCO)	17	18	19 Guru Nanak Dev Sahib Birthday (Sikh)	20 Universal Children’s Day* (UN) Transgender Day of Remembrance*
21	22	23	24	25 International Day for Elimination of Violence Against Women* (UN)	26	27
28	29 Hanukkah (to Dec. 6) (Judaism)	30				

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			1 World Aids Day* (UN) Advent (to December 24) (Christian)	2 International Day for the Abolition of Slavery* (UN)	3 International Day of Persons with Disabilities* (UN)	4
5	6 National Day of Remembrance and Action on Violence Against Women (Status of Women)*	7	8	9	10 Human Rights Day* (UN)	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18 International Migrants Day* (UN)
19	20 International Human Solidarity Day* (UN)	21	22	23	24 Christmas Eve*	25 Christmas Day* (Christian)
26 Boxing Day*	27	28	29	30	31 New Year's Eve*	

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