

Multi-Faith Calendar 2024

NAME	DESCRIPTION	START DATE	END DATE
JANUARY			
Tamil Heritage Month	By proclaiming the month of January as Tamil Heritage Month, the Province of Ontario recognizes the valuable contributions that Tamil Canadians have made to Ontario's social, economic, political and cultural fabric. Tamil Heritage Month is an opportunity to remember, celebrate and educate future generations about the inspirational role that Tamil Canadians have played and continue to play in communities across Ontario.	Jan 01 2010	Jan 01 2010
New Years Day		Jan 01 2010	Jan 01 2010
Snow Moon (local Oneida)	At the time of the Snow moon, Mother Earth rests so that when the warm winds and the thunder come to renew the earth, she will be able to come back to life and be in bloom again. This is the end of the entire year cycle... as told by Oneida of the Thames Elders.	Jan 01 2021	Jan 01 2021
Solar New Year	North American Buddhists of all schools attend a special service in the temple. Religious accommodation for special worship may be required for this observance/holy day.	Jan 01 2022	Jan 01 2022
Gantan-sai	Japanese welcome in the New Year with prayers for renewal of hearts, good health, and prosperity. They wear their best clothes and visit shrines in large numbers - sometimes at the very stroke of midnight on New Year's Eve. During the seven days of the holiday, people visit one another's homes to offer good wishes for the coming year.	Jan 01 2022	Jan 01 2022
World Braille Day	World Braille Day is proclaimed by the United Nations. Braille is essential for education, freedom of expression and opinion, access to information and social inclusion.	Jan 04 2022	Jan 04 2022
National Ribbon Skirt Day	An opportunity for us all to learn more about and to celebrate Indigenous cultures, traditions, histories, and contributions to this diverse country.	Jan 04 2024	Jan 04 2024
Ghambar Madyarem ends	Begins December 31 and runs to January 4. Ghambar Madyarem celebrates the creation of animals and is a time for an equitable sharing of food.	Jan 04 2022	Jan 04 2022
Birth date of Guru Gobind Singh Ji	Major Faith Day	Jan 05 2021	Jan 05 2021
Birth date of Guru Gobind Singh Ji (1666 - 1708)	The tenth and final Sikh Guru, he created the Khalsa, the Fellowship of the Pure, and declared the Scriptures, the Sri Guru Granth Sahib Ji, to be the Sikh's Guru from that time on.	Jan 05 2022	Jan 05 2022
Epiphany (W)	Known as the Feast of Theophany (appearance of God) in Orthodox churches, the Feast of Epiphany (?appearance? or manifestation) comes 12 days after Christmas and closes the Christmas season with a second festival of manifesting Jesus as the Son of God, the first being the Feast of the Nativity. The Western churches associate Epiphany with the journey of the Magi to the infant Jesus (Matthew 2:1-12), while the Orthodox churches look to the baptism of Jesus by John the Baptist in which the Holy Trinity was first revealed or appeared the incarnate Son heard the voice of the Father and saw the Holy Spirit descending on him (Matthew 3:16-17). Those Orthodox churches which follow the New Calendar (see the link Religions, on the sub navigation bar) celebrate The Feast of Theophany on January 6, while the Orthodox Churches which follow the Old Calendar celebrate it on January 19. Some Western churches celebrate Epiphany on the Sunday after the first Saturday in January. Religious accommodation for special worship may be required for this observance/holy day.	Jan 06 2022	Jan 06 2022
Armenian Christmas	The Armenian Orthodox Church celebrates the nativity of Jesus on Epiphany. Religious accommodation may be required for this observance/holy day. Suspension of work/classes may be requested by observant.	Jan 06 2022	Jan 06 2022
Theophany (E - New Calendar)	(For those Christians who follow the Julian calendar.) The Feast of Theophany commemorates the appearance of the divine Trinity at Jesus baptism: the Son hears the Fathers voice and sees the Holy Spirit coming to him (see Mathew 3:16-17). Religious accommodation for special worship may be required for this observance/holy day.	Jan 06 2022	Jan 06 2022
Christmas (Old / Julian Calendar)	Major Faith Day	Jan 07 2010	Jan 07 2010
Christmas (Old / Julian Calendar)	Christmas according to the Julian calendar. Religious accommodation may be required for this observance/holy day. Suspension of work/classes may be requested by observant.	Jan 07 2022	Jan 07 2022
Seijin-no-hi	Coming-of-Age-Day is a national holiday in Japan. Young women and men twenty years of age go to shrines, wearing traditional clothing. Their families announce their adulthood to the kami or spirits, and pray for health and well being for a lifetime to come. Celebrated annually on the second Monday in January.	Jan 08 2024	Jan 08 2024
Linji Memorial	Anniversary of the death of Linji (jp. Rinzai). Linji Yixuan (died 866 CE) was the founder of the Linji school of Chan Buddhism during Tang Dynasty China. (Mah?na - Linji / Rinzai Zen) (China, Japan, North America)	Jan 10 2022	Jan 10 2022
New Moon	(11:59 UTC) The Moon will located on the same side of the Earth as the Sun and will not be visible in the night sky. This is the best time of the month to observe faint objects such as galaxies and star clusters because there is no moonlight to interfere. (Sea and Sky)	Jan 11 2024	Jan 11 2024
Lohri (india)	Lohri is a very popular harvest festival, celebrated in the North of India. It is traditionally associated with the harvest of the rabi crops. People take peanuts, rewri, flour, butter and various food items to places of religious worship to thank God for a good harvest. Lohri is celebrated by Punjabi people of the Indian subcontinent.	Jan 13 2010	Jan 13 2010
Maghi	Coming on the first day of the tenth month of the solar year, Maghi commemorates a battle in which forty Sikhs (the Forty Liberated Ones), led by a woman named Maathaa Bhaag Kaur, laid down their lives for their Guru, Guru Gobind Singh Ji.	Jan 13 2022	Jan 13 2022
Makar Sankranti	Major Faith Day	Jan 14 2024	Jan 14 2024
New Year (Old / Julian Calendar)	The New Year by the Julian calendar is observed on this day.	Jan 14 2022	Jan 14 2022
Martin Luther King Day (USA)	A United States holiday marking the birth date of Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., observed on the third Monday of January each year, around the time of MLKs birthday (January 15).	Jan 15 2024	Jan 15 2024
Makar Sankranti	Observed on January 15 during a leap year (2024), Makar Sankranti marks the change from a decrease to an increase of the sun. This observance is twinned with Lohri (celebrated by people from the Punjab region of South Asia), which also marks the passing of the winter solstice. Religious accommodation for special worship may be required for this observance/holy day.	Jan 15 2024	Jan 15 2024
Baizhang Memorial	Anniversary of the death of Master Baizhang (jp.Hyakujo) known for establishing the first Zen Monastic Code. (Mah?na ? Linji/Rinzai Zen) (China, Japan, North America)	Jan 17 2022	Jan 17 2022
Week of Prayer for Christian Unity begins	An international Christian ecumenical observance kept annually between January 18 - 25. It is actually an octave, that is, an observance lasting eight days.	Jan 18 2022	Jan 18 2022
Hakuin Ekaku Memorial	Anniversary of the death of Hakuin Ekaku, reformer of Japanese Rinza Zen.	Jan 18 2022	Jan 18 2022
Eihei Dogen Kigen Birth date	Anniversary of the birth of Eihei Dogen Kigen, founder of the Soto Zen school in Japan.	Jan 19 2022	Jan 19 2022

Theophany (E - Old Calendar)	(For those Christians who follow the Julian calendar.) The Feast of Theophany commemorates the appearance of the divine Trinity at Jesus' baptism: the Son hears the Father's voice and sees the Holy Spirit coming to him (see Mathew 3:16-17). Religious accommodation for special worship may be required for this observance/holy day.	Jan 19 2022	Jan 19 2022
Sultán	Sultán (Sovereignty) is the 17th month of the Bahá'í-year.	Jan 19 2024	Jan 19 2024
Lincoln Alexander Day	Lincoln Alexander Day is celebrated to honour and recognize the significant contributions of Colonel The Honourable Lincoln MacCauley Alexander, who was a passionate advocate for the advancement of education, race relations and youth issues.	Jan 21 2021	Jan 21 2021
World Religion Day	An annual celebration (third Sunday in January) of the teachings of unity found in all religions.	Jan 21 2024	Jan 21 2024
World Day for African and Afrodescendant Culture	The World Day for African and Afrodescendant Culture was established by the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) in 2019 and celebrates the many vibrant cultures of the African continent and African Diasporas around the world.	Jan 24 2021	Jan 24 2021
Eve of Tu B'Shevat	Observance begins at sundown.	Jan 24 2024	Jan 24 2024
Honen Shonin Memorial	Anniversary of the death of Honen Shonin, the founder of Jōdo-shū, the first independent branch of Japanese Pure Land Buddhism, in 1212.	Jan 25 2022	Jan 25 2022
MahĀyĀna New Year	MahĀyĀna New Year is celebrated for three days from the first full moon day in January. Religious accommodation for special worship may be required for this observance/holy day.	Jan 25 2024	Jan 25 2024
Tu B'Shevat	One of four New Year's days, Tu B'Shevat (the 15th day of the month of Shevat) is the New Year's Day for Trees, and traditionally the first of the year for tithing fruit of trees. Nowadays, it is a day for environmental awareness and action such as tree planting. Special meals (Seders) include the seven fruits of the land (wheat and barley, grapes, figs, pomegranates, olives and [date] honey), each symbolizing a spiritual reality.	Jan 25 2024	Jan 25 2024
Full Moon	(17:55 UTC) This full moon was known by early First Nations peoples / Native American tribes as the Full Wolf Moon because this was the time of year when hungry wolf packs howled outside their camps. This moon has also been known as the Old Moon and the Moon After Yule. (Sea and Sky)	Jan 25 2024	Jan 25 2024
Holocaust Remembrance Day (UN)	The annual International Day of Commemoration in memory of the victims of the Holocaust is observed with ceremonies and activities at United Nations Headquarters in New York and at United Nations offices around the world. On January 27, 1945 the largest Nazi death camp in Auschwitz-Birkenau (Poland) was liberated by Soviet troops.	Jan 27 2010	Jan 27 2010
National Day of Remembrance of the Quebec City Mosque Attack and Action Against Islamophobia	The National Day of Remembrance of the Quebec City Mosque Attack and Action Against Islamophobia is a date to honour the victims and express solidarity with the survivors of this tragedy.	Jan 29 2021	Jan 29 2021
FEBRUARY			
Midwinter Moon (local Oneida)	Midwinter Ceremony takes place over 5 nights in February following the new moon. Food is a big part of the ceremony as it is provided by the creator and includes corn soup with deer meat, squash and turnip (food from under the ground) ... as told by Oneida of the Thames Elders.	Feb 01 2021	Feb 01 2021
Black History Month (Canada, USA)	The roots of Black History Month are found in early 20th century America when some visionary black leaders founded the 'Association for the Study of Negro Life and History (ASNLH), an organization dedicated to researching and promoting achievements by black Americans and other peoples of African descent.' This week became widely observed in schools and communities throughout the US. Eventually it became Black History Month and in 1976 President Ford officially proclaimed February as Black History month. Black History Month was proclaimed by the Canadian Parliament in 1995. See: https://bit.ly/3nC1n7z target=blank? > https://bit.ly/3nC1n7z	Feb 01 2021	Feb 01 2021
Jewish Disability Awareness, Acceptance & Inclusion Month (JDAIM)	The Jewish Special Education International Consortium established Jewish Disability Awareness, Acceptance, and Inclusion Month (JDAIM) in 2009. Every February, Jewish organizations around the world unite to raise awareness and foster acceptance and inclusion of individuals with disabilities. JDAIM encourages us to act according to Jewish values of honouring the gifts and strengths we each possess.	Feb 01 2023	Feb 01 2023
Indigenous Storytelling Month (Canada)	For First Nations people, storytelling is both a gift and a very old custom, sanctioned by the people to teach, entertain, and remember. Throughout February, First Nations & Métis storytelling events are held in schools, libraries and community organizations throughout Saskatchewan and other parts of Canada.	Feb 01 2010	Feb 01 2010
World Interfaith Harmony Week (UN)	Celebrated annually the first week of February (1 - 7). According to the UN, the voluntary week will provide a platform for religious institutions all over the world to speak out in their communities for peace among religions.	Feb 01 2010	Feb 01 2010
Imbolc	celebrates the increasing strength of the God, given as the first and greatest gift of the Goddess. Many	Feb 02 2022	Feb 02 2022
Setsubun-sai	Popularly known as the Bean-throwing Festival, Setsubun-sai marks the end of winter and the eve of the first day of spring according to the ancient East Asian solar calendar familiar to Japanese. Beans are thrown into each room of the house, and then through the outer doors, with the shout, Devils out, Fortune in! Today, Setsubun-sai is a happy family festival.	Feb 03 2022	Feb 03 2022
International Day of Human Fraternity	The International Day of Human Fraternity was proclaimed in 2020 by the United Nations as a day to promote cultural and religious tolerance, peace, understanding and dialogue.	Feb 04 2021	Feb 04 2021
White Cane Week	White Cane Week is a week to raise awareness of the challenges facing Canadians living with vision loss.	Feb 04 2024	Feb 04 2024
Laylat al-Mi'rāj (Night Journey to Heaven) (beginning at sunset to sunset of the next day)	Commemorates the ascension of the Prophet to heaven. Muslims may attend special prayer services at a mosque, or they may commemorate the holiday privately at home by telling the story to children or reciting special night-time prayers. (Special worship, including prayers, fasting and other observances begin at sunset and are generally observed until sunset of the following day.)	Feb 07 2024	Feb 07 2024
Mulk	Mulk (Dominion) is the 18th month of the Bahá'í-year.	Feb 07 2024	Feb 07 2024
New Moon	(23:00 UTC) The Moon will be located on the same side of the Earth as the Sun and will not be visible in the night sky. This is the best time of the month to observe faint objects such as galaxies and star clusters because there is no moonlight to interfere. (Sea and Sky)	Feb 09 2024	Feb 09 2024

Lunar New Year & Losar - Tibetan New Year	Major Faith Days	Feb 10 2024	Feb 10 2024
Lunar New Year (4722) - Year of the Dragon	Chinese/Vietnamese/Korean New Year - The first day after the new (dark) moon is a religious and cultural festival celebrated by Chinese, Vietnamese and Koreans of Buddhist and other backgrounds as New Year's Day. Religious accommodation for special worship may be required for this observance/holy day.	Feb 10 2024	Feb 10 2024
Losar - Tibetan New Year	Tibetan year 2151. Losar is celebrated for 15 days, with the main celebrations on the first three days. Religious accommodation for special worship may be required for this observance/holy day.	Feb 10 2024	Feb 10 2024
Shrove Tuesday (W)	Shrove Tuesday occurs the day before Ash Wednesday, the beginning of Lent in the Roman Catholic Church. 'Shrove' is the past tense of the word 'shrive,' which means to hear a confession, assign penance, and absolve from sin. Shrove Tuesday is a reminder that we are entering a season of penance. (Western Churches)	Feb 13 2024	Feb 13 2024
Ash Wednesday (W)	Major Faith Day	Feb 14 2024	Feb 14 2024
Ash Wednesday (W)	The beginning of Lent, the forty-day period (excluding Sundays) of prayer, repentance and self-denial that precedes Easter (Western Churches).	Feb 14 2024	Feb 14 2024
Vasanta Panchami	A North Indian celebration, Vasanta Panchami is associated with Saraswati, the Goddess of Learning and with Lakshmi, Goddess of Wealth. Yellow clothes and yellow sweets, symbolizing both spirituality and the ripening of crops, are customary. Religious accommodation for special worship may be required for this observance/holy day.	Feb 14 2024	Feb 14 2024
Valentines Day		Feb 14 2021	Feb 14 2021
Nirvana Day	Major Faith Day	Feb 15 2024	Feb 15 2024
National Flag of Canada Day	Observed on February 15 each year, commemorating the inauguration of the national flag of Canada by Governor General Georges Vanier on that date in 1965.	Feb 15 2010	Feb 15 2010
Nehan-e (Nirvana Day)	Memorial of the historical Buddha passing away. Japan, North America Religious accommodation for special worship may be required for this observance/holy day.	Feb 15 2022	Feb 15 2022
Nichiren Shonin's Birth date	Anniversary of the birth of Nichiren Shonin, a Buddhist monk who lived during the Kamakura period (1222-1282) in Japan.	Feb 16 2022	Feb 16 2022
Brotherhood / Sisterhood Week (Canada, USA)	This year, Brotherhood/Sisterhood Week is celebrated February 18 - 24 in Canada and the US. Its purpose is to further understanding among people of all cultures and religions. During Brotherhood/Sisterhood Week, people are reminded to live according to the principles of fellowship, equality, and justice.	Feb 18 2024	Feb 18 2024
Family Day	This public holiday celebrates the importance of family.	Feb 19 2024	Feb 19 2024
World Day of Social Justice	Proclaimed by the UN to encourage the member states to promote activities in pursuit of the goals stated at the 1995 World Summit on social development in a globalizing world: social justice for all, including equitable distribution of income and access to resources, gender equity, respect for human rights, and eradication of poverty, among other things.	Feb 20 2010	Feb 20 2010
International Mother Language Day (UNESCO)	Observed every year since February 2000, International Mother Language Day promotes linguistic and cultural diversity and multilingualism.	Feb 21 2010	Feb 21 2010
Laylat al Baraat (Ni?f Sha'b?n) (beginning at sunset to sunset of the next day)	(Also called Ni?f Sha'b?n) The 15th day or middle (Ni?f) of the eighth month (Sha'b?n) is the Night of Salvation (or Repentance) in preparation for Rama?n. (Special worship, including prayers, fasting and other observances begin at sunset and are generally observed until sunset of the following day.)	Feb 24 2024	Feb 24 2024
Magha Puja (Sangha) Day	Commemorates the spontaneous gathering of 1,250 arahants (awakened monks), to whom the Buddha delivered the exhortation on the basis of the discipline (ovada patimokkha). (Therav?da)	Feb 24 2024	Feb 24 2024
Full Moon	(12:32 UTC) This full moon was known by early First Nations peoples / Native American tribes as the Snow Moon because the heaviest snows usually fell during this time of the year. Since hunting is difficult, this moon has also been known by some tribes as the Hunger Moon, since the harsh weather made hunting difficult. (Sea and Sky)	Feb 24 2024	Feb 24 2024
Ayyám-i-Há	The intercalary days inserted between the 18th and 19th months to complete the 365 or 366 day solar year. Observed between February 26 - February 29.	Feb 26 2024	Feb 26 2024
Anti-bullying Day - Pink Shirt Day (Canada)	Anti-Bullying Day (a.k.a. Pink Shirt Day) is a day celebrated during the last Wednesday of February in Canada, which originally started as a protest against a bullying incident at a Nova Scotia high school (Central Kings Rural High School). On this day, participants wear pink to symbolize a stand against bullying.	Feb 28 2024	Feb 28 2024
MARCH			
Bangladeshi Heritage Month	The month of March is an important one for the Bangladeshi community. Every year on March 26th, Bangladeshis around the world celebrate Independence Day in commemoration of their nation gaining independence in 1971. This day is often marked with music, parades, fairs, and various other public and private gatherings held to celebrate the history and traditions of Bangladesh. By proclaiming the month of March as Bangladeshi Heritage Month in Ontario, the province honours the many significant contributions Bangladeshis have made throughout the province and highlights their important role in strengthening the multi-cultural fabric that keeps Ontario's communities strong.	Mar 01 2010	Mar 01 2010
Hellenic Heritage Month	The Hellenic Canadian community is a vibrant community in Ontario and continues to make significant contributions through its history, language, culture and work ethic. March is a significant month for the Hellenic community and March 25 is celebrated each year as Greek Independence Day. Proclaiming March as Hellenic Heritage Month provides an opportunity to remember, celebrate and educate future generations about the outstanding achievements and contributions of the Hellenic Canadians in the province.	Mar 01 2010	Mar 01 2010
Half Days Moon (local Oneida)	At this time of year, a ceremony is held where tobacco is burned to give thanks to the Maple trees for letting the sap flow. Once this is done, everyone can start collecting sap for syrup... as told by Oneida of the Thames Elders.	Mar 01 2021	Mar 01 2021

Developmental Disabilities Awareness Month	Developmental Disabilities Awareness Month is a time to educate the public about the needs of this group and to end the stigma around issues of disability.	Mar 01 2021	Mar 01 2021
Irish Heritage Month	March has been declared by the House of Commons in Canada as Irish Heritage Month as a time to recognize the important contributions that Irish-Canadians have made to building Canada.	Mar 01 2022	Mar 01 2022
Persian Heritage Month	March is Persian Heritage Month in Ontario. It is a time to recognize the many achievements and contributions of Ontarians of Persian descent, and acknowledge the proud legacy that Persian history and culture has imprinted on humanity.	Mar 01 2022	Mar 01 2022
Zero Discrimination Day (UN)	Zero Discrimination Day is an opportunity to join together against discrimination and celebrate everyone's right to live a full and productive life with dignity. Gender, nationality, age, disability, ethnic origin, sexual orientation, religion, language or any other status should never be a reason to discriminate.	Mar 01 2010	Mar 01 2010
St. David's Day	The feast day of Saint David, the patron saint of Wales, falls on March 1 each year. St. David's Day is a Welsh national festival that has been celebrated since the 18th century. Welsh people will wear a daffodil or leek to symbolise Wales and the children will wear traditional Welsh dress to celebrate the occasion. The feast day of Saint David, the patron saint of Wales, falls on March 1 each year. St. David's Day is a Welsh national festival that has been celebrated since the 18th century. Welsh people will wear a daffodil or leek to symbolise Wales and the children will wear traditional Welsh dress to celebrate the occasion.	Mar 01 2010	Mar 01 2010
19-Day Fast begins	March 1 - 19: A nineteen-day period of the year in preparation for Naw-Rúz. Bahá'í's worldwide rise before dawn to eat breakfast, pray and then abstain from eating or drinking until sunset in observation of the annual 19-day Fast. As in many world religions, the Fast is a time for reflecting on one's spiritual progress and making an effort to detach from material desires.	Mar 01 2024	Mar 01 2024
'Alá'	'Alá' (Loftiness) is the 19th & final month of the Bahá'í year.	Mar 01 2024	Mar 01 2024
World Day of Prayer	A world-wide annual day of prayer hosted by women from Protestant, Orthodox, and Roman Catholic traditions. Celebrated annually in over 170 countries on the first Friday in March. Every year, worship service focuses on a different country and a specific theme.	Mar 01 2024	Mar 01 2024
Black Mental Health Day	Black Mental Health Day (the first Monday in March) recognizes the toll anti-Black racism, discrimination and trauma can have on the mental health and physical well-being of Black Ontarians and raise awareness around the specific mental health needs of Black Ontarians.	Mar 04 2024	Mar 04 2024
International Women's Day (UN)	A day to celebrate women's political, economic, and social achievements and to promote the quest for full equality and empowerment.	Mar 08 2010	Mar 08 2010
Mahashivaratri	Major Faith Day	Mar 08 2024	Mar 08 2024
Mahashivaratri	Dedicated to Shiva, one of the major deities to whom Hindus direct their devotion. The night before the feast, Hindus recite texts, sing, and tell stories in honour of this God whose dynamic cosmic dance creates, preserves, destroys, and recreates the world.	Mar 08 2024	Mar 08 2024
New Moon	(09:02 UTC) The Moon will be located on the same side of the Earth as the Sun and will not be visible in the night sky. This is the best time of the month to observe faint objects such as galaxies and star clusters because there is no moonlight to interfere. (Sea and Sky)	Mar 10 2024	Mar 10 2024
Daylight Saving Time begins (Canada, USA)	Daylight Saving Time begins on the second Sunday in March and ends on the first Sunday in November. Begins at 2:00 a.m.	Mar 10 2024	Mar 10 2024
Commonwealth Day	The annual celebration of the Commonwealth of Nations is held on the second Monday in March.	Mar 11 2024	Mar 11 2024
First Day of Ramadan	Major Faith Day	Mar 12 2024	Mar 12 2024
First of Rama??n	Rama??n is the month of fasting (ending with ??d al-Fi'r on April 20 at sunset) during which physically able Muslims do not eat or drink from the first sign of dawn until sunset. It is a time of self-examination and religious devotion. An observant would not be expected to refrain from work; however, special consideration for worship may be requested. (Observance begins at sunset of the previous day, but special worship and prayers begin March 12.) (Dates based on lunar observations in North America.) Religious accommodation for special worship may be required for this observance/holy day.	Mar 12 2024	Mar 12 2024
Sikh New Year's Day	Major Faith Day	Mar 14 2024	Mar 14 2024
Memorial of Shan-tao/Zendo Daishi	Anniversary of the death of Shan-tao/Zendo Daishi, a Chinese priest of the Tang Era who passed away in 681. He developed the practice of reciting the name of Amida Buddha (nembutsu). (Mah'y?na - J?do-sh?)	Mar 14 2022	Mar 14 2022
Sikh New Year's Day	Beginning of the year 556 of the Nanakshahi era. Religious accommodation for special worship may be required for this observance/holy day.	Mar 14 2024	Mar 14 2024
International Day to Combat Islamophobia (UN)	In 2022, the UN General Assembly decided to proclaim March 15 the International Day to Combat Islamophobia and called for strengthened international efforts to foster a global dialogue on the promotion of a culture of tolerance and peace at all levels, based on respect for human rights and the diversity of religions and beliefs. (International)	Mar 15 2022	Mar 15 2022
Ghambar Hamaspathmaedem begins	Occurs on the intercalary days (March 16 - 20) and celebrates the creation of human beings and commemorates passed souls.	Mar 16 2024	Mar 16 2024
Irish Heritage Day	Today the rich cultural heritage of Canada's Irish community is an integral part of Canadian national culture and identity and belongs, by right, to all Canadians of all backgrounds. As evidence of that fact, the coat of arms of Canada bears several symbols of Irish heritage: the Royal Harp of Tara representing the historic coronation place of the High King or Ard Righ of Ireland and the Shamrock and Cross of Saint Patrick. It is appropriate to recognize March 17, the day of Saint Patrick, the patron saint of the Irish, as Irish Heritage Day in Ontario.	Mar 17 2010	Mar 17 2010
St. Patrick's Day	The best known of Ireland's three patron saints, St. Patrick (born 387 CE) was a major figure in the Christianization of Ireland. His feast day marks the anniversary of his death late in the fifth century.	Mar 17 2021	Mar 17 2021
Festival of Higan-e	17 - 23 March: Higan-e (to reach the other shore) starts three days before the Vernal Equinox, and finishes three days after that day, continuing for a total of one week. It is a time to honor ancestors and to come together to chant the name of Amida Buddha (nembutsu).	Mar 17 2024	Mar 17 2024
Neurodiversity Celebration Week	Neurodiversity Celebration Week is a worldwide initiative that challenges stereotypes and misconceptions about neurological differences. It aims to transform how neurodivergent individuals are perceived and supported by providing schools, universities, and organisations with the opportunity to recognise the many talents and advantages of being neurodivergent, while creating more inclusive and equitable cultures that celebrate differences and empower every individual.	Mar 18 2024	Mar 18 2024
Great Fast begins (E)	(For those Christians who follow the Julian calendar.) First day of The Great Fast (or the Great Lent), the 40 day period prior to the beginning of Holy Week, ending with Lazarus Saturday, the day before Palm Sunday. (Eastern Churches)	Mar 18 2024	Mar 18 2024
19-Day Fast ends		Mar 19 2024	Mar 19 2024
International Francophonie Day	A day to celebrate the French language, culture, and values.	Mar 20 2024	Mar 20 2024

Naw-Rúz	Major Faith Day	Mar 20 2024	Mar 20 2024
Ostara	Major Faith Day	Mar 20 2024	Mar 20 2024
Spring Ohigan	A special time for Shinshu Buddhists. They listen to the teaching of the Buddha and meditate on the perfection of enlightenment.	Mar 20 2022	Mar 20 2022
Ostara	Celebrates the return of the Goddess-as-Maiden, the courting of the Goddess by the God, and the reawakening of the seeds within the earth.	Mar 20 2022	Mar 20 2022
Shunbun-no-hi	(Spring Memorial Service / Vernal Equinox Day) Previously called Shunki-sorei-sai, Shunbun-no-hi occurs in the middle of a seven day period called Higan - a time when respect is paid to ancestors. Visits are made to the family grave, cleaning it and offering flowers and incense to console ancestral spirits.	Mar 20 2022	Mar 20 2022
Naw-Rúz	New Year 181 BE of the Bahá'í- Era. Bahá'ís feast and celebrate during the evening. Religious accommodation may be required for this observance/holy day. Suspension of work/classes may be requested by observant.	Mar 20 2024	Mar 20 2024
Bahá	The first month of the Bahá'í year is Bahá (Splendour).	Mar 20 2024	Mar 20 2024
Ghambar Hamaspathmaedem ends	Occurs on the intercalary days (March 16 - 20) and celebrates the creation of human beings and commemorates passed souls.	Mar 20 2024	Mar 20 2024
March Equinox	The March equinox occurs at 03:01 UTC. This is the first day of spring (vernal equinox) in the northern hemisphere and the first day of fall (autumnal equinox) in the southern hemisphere. (Sea and Sky)	Mar 20 2024	Mar 20 2024
World Down Syndrome Day	Down syndrome organizations throughout the world organize and participate in events to raise public awareness of Down syndrome.	Mar 21 2021	Mar 21 2021
International Day of Nowruz	The International Day of Nowruz is proclaimed by the United Nations. Nowruz means new day and marks the first day of spring. This day is also celebrated as the beginning of the new year by more than 300 million people around the world.	Mar 21 2022	Mar 21 2022
Two-Spirit and Indigenous LGBTQQIA+ Awareness to Celebration Day	Advocated by the Two-Spirit community and created in partnership with the Two-Spirit Program at the Community-Based Research Centre (CBRC), this annual event will recognize and celebrate the diverse sexualities and gender expressions that exist within Indigenous communities.	Mar 21 2024	Mar 21 2024
Nowruz	Major Faith Day	Mar 21 2024	Mar 21 2024
International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination (UN)	This day was set aside in 1966 to commemorate the deaths on this date in 1960 of 69 people in Sharpsville, South Africa peacefully demonstrating against apartheid pass laws, and to call on the international community to resist racism and discrimination.	Mar 21 2010	Mar 21 2010
Week of Solidarity with the Peoples Struggling Against Racism and Racial Discrimination (UN)	Coinciding with the the International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination, the General Assembly decided that a week of solidarity with the peoples struggling against racism and racial discrimination would be organized annually.	Mar 21 2010	Mar 21 2010
Nowruz	Nowruz (New Day) is New Year's day for 1393 AY or 3762 AZ in the Fasli (seasonal) calendar. It celebrates the renewal of the world and the creation of fire (symbolic of Asha or righteousness). Zarathustra received his revelation on this day. Religious accommodation for special worship may be required for this observance/holy day.	Mar 21 2024	Mar 21 2024
Nowruz	Ismaili Muslims worldwide observe Navroz (Nowruz), a festival that marks the beginning of the Persian New Year and the first day of spring. It signifies a time of spiritual renewal and physical rejuvenation, as well as a spirit of gratitude for blessings and an outlook of hope and optimism. Religious accommodation for special worship may be required for this observance/holy day.	Mar 21 2024	Mar 21 2024
Good Friday (W)	Major Faith Day	Mar 29 2024	Mar 29 2024
Eve of Purim	Observance begins at sundown.	Mar 23 2024	Mar 23 2024
Holy Week begins (W)	Holy Week begins in the Western Churches on Palm Sunday and ends on Easter (March 24 - March 30).	Mar 24 2024	Mar 24 2024
Purim	Celebrates victory over an oppressive ruler, as related in the Book of Esther, which is read at this time. Suspension of work is not required.	Mar 24 2024	Mar 24 2024
Palm Sunday (W)	Celebrates the entry of Jesus into Jerusalem. (Western Calendar)	Mar 24 2024	Mar 24 2024
Holi	Major Faith Day	Mar 25 2024	Mar 25 2024
Int Day of Remembrance of the Victims of Slavery (UN)	This day honours the lives of those who died as a result of slavery or experienced the horrors of the transatlantic slave trade. It is also an occasion to raise awareness about the dangers of racism and prejudice.	Mar 25 2010	Mar 25 2010
Holi	A religious spring festival celebrated by people throwing colourful powder and coloured water at each other. Holi is dedicated to Krishna or Kama. Religious accommodation for special worship may be required for this observance/holy day.	Mar 25 2024	Mar 25 2024
Hola Mohalla	A three-day festival following Holi. The tenth Sikh Guru, Guru Gobind Singh Ji, started Hola Mohalla as a time for military preparedness exercises. Today, mock battles are followed by music competitions and festivities.	Mar 25 2024	Mar 25 2024
Full Moon	(07:02 UTC) This full moon was known by early First Nations peoples / Native American tribes as the Worm Moon because this was the time of year when the ground would begin to soften and the earthworms would reappear. This moon has also been known as the Crow Moon, the Crust Moon, the Sap Moon, and the Lenten Moon. (Sea and Sky)	Mar 25 2024	Mar 25 2024
Penumbra Lunar Eclipse	A penumbral lunar eclipse occurs when the Moon passes through the Earth's partial shadow, or penumbra. During this type of eclipse the Moon will darken slightly but not completely. The eclipse will be visible throughout all North America, Mexico, Central America, and South America. (Sea and Sky)	Mar 25 2024	Mar 25 2024
Birth Anniversary of Prophet Zarathustra	The birth anniversary of the Prophet Zarathustra (Zoroaster), who was born at the beginning of the first millennium BCE. It is one of the most important Zoroastrian festivals. Known as Khordad Sal, Zarathushtris gather in Fire temples for prayers and then celebrate with feasting. (According to the Fasli calendar.)	Mar 26 2022	Mar 26 2022
Birth of Avalokiteshvara Bodhisattva	Also known as Guan Yin Day, Avalokiteshvara Bodhisattva is known as the Bodhisattva of Great Compassion. In Chinese Mahāyāna tradition, it is believed that Princess Miao Shan of the Northern Song dynasty (circa 1068) is Avalokiteshvara's personification. Buddhism teaches that everyone may reach the perfected state and each person is a Bodhisattva or Buddha-to-be. In Chinese tradition, the symbolic future Buddha is Guan Yin, a female dispensing compassion with a thousand arms.	Mar 28 2024	Mar 28 2024
Maundy (Holy) Thursday (W)	Celebrates the institution of the Lord's Supper by Jesus.	Mar 28 2024	Mar 28 2024
Good Friday (W)	Commemorates the Passion of Jesus Christ, i.e., his submission to death by crucifixion. Religious accommodation for special worship may be required for this observance/holy day.	Mar 29 2024	Mar 29 2024

Holy Saturday (W)	The final day of Lent, of Holy Week and the Sacred Triduum - Holy Thursday, Good Friday and Holy Saturday. It is a day of vigil in preparation for Easter. The day culminates with the Easter Vigil in many Churches during which the Easter Candle, the Light of Christ, leads a congregation through song and prayer to celebrate the Resurrection.	Mar 30 2024	Mar 30 2024
International Transgender Day of Visibility	The International Transgender Day of Visibility is an annual event dedicated to celebrating trans people and raising awareness of discrimination faced by transgender people worldwide.	Mar 31 2022	Mar 31 2022
Easter (W)	Major Faith Day	Mar 31 2024	Mar 31 2024
Easter (W)	Celebrates the resurrection of Jesus. It initiates the fifty-day period culminating in Pentecost. Religious accommodation for special worship may be required for this observance/holy day.	Mar 31 2024	Mar 31 2024
APRIL			
Thundering Moon (local Oneida)	Thunder renews the earth in the spring and keeps the big dangerous animals (e.g. dinosaurs, snakes) underground. Also thunder controls the wind so it does not get too strong and destroy homes... as told by Oneida of the Thames Elders.	Apr 01 2021	Apr 01 2021
Sikh Heritage Month (parts of Canada)	Officially recognized (as of 2017) in Alberta, BC and Ontario, Sikh Heritage Month provides an opportunity to celebrate the rich tradition and heritage of the Sikh faith. April provides a special significance for Sikhs as it is a period that includes Vaisakhi (Sikh New Year), and signifies the formation of the Khalsa, in addition to the Sikh articles of faith in 1699.	Apr 01 2021	Apr 01 2021
Genocide Remembrance, Condemnation and Prevention Month	April is recognized as Genocide Remembrance, Condemnation and Prevention Month. An opportunity to remember the victims of genocide, honour the courage and resilience of all survivors and their descendants, and reflect on how we can prevent future atrocities from occurring.	Apr 01 2024	Apr 01 2024
Easter Monday (W)	Easter Monday, the day after Easter Sunday, celebrates Jesus' resurrection.	Apr 01 2024	Apr 01 2024
World Autism Awareness Day (UN)	This Days objective is to increase peoples awareness about individuals, especially children, with autism. It often features educational events for teachers, health care workers and parents, as well as exhibitions showcasing work created by children with autism.	Apr 02 2010	Apr 02 2010
Refugee Rights Day (Canada)	Refugee Rights Day is celebrated each April 4th to bring attention to the advances made in the protection of refugee rights in Canada. On April 4, 1985 the Supreme Court of Canada ruled that the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms protects the right of refugee claimants in Canada to life, liberty and security of the person. See: https://ccrweb.ca/en/refugee-rights-day 	Apr 04 2010	Apr 04 2010
Jum'at al-Wada	'Farewell Friday' is the last Friday of the month of Rama??n and the Friday immediately preceding ??d al-Fi?r. While not considered a festival, Jum'at al-Wada is a special day for many Muslims. (Observance begins at sunset of the previous day, but special worship and prayers begin April 5.)	Apr 05 2024	Apr 05 2024
International Asexuality Day	International Asexuality Day is a coordinated worldwide campaign promoting the asexuality umbrella, including demisexual, grey-asexual and other ace identities. The four themes of International Asexuality Day are: advocacy, celebration, education, and solidarity.	Apr 06 2024	Apr 06 2024
Laylat al-Qadr (beginning at sunset to sunset of the next day)	Also known as the 'Night of Power,' Laylat al-Qadr commemorates the first revelation of the Qur'an (Islamic scriptures) to Prophet Mu'ammad in 610 CE. (Special worship, including prayers, fasting and other observances begin at sunset and are generally observed until sunset of the following day.)	Apr 06 2024	Apr 06 2024
Int Day of Reflection on the 1994 Rwandan Genocide (UN)	First observed in 2004, this Day commemorates the genocide in Rwanda a decade earlier and calls upon member countries to prevent future genocides anywhere in the world.	Apr 07 2010	Apr 07 2010
Buddha's Birth date	Anniversary of the historical Buddha's birth. (Japan, North America)	Apr 08 2022	Apr 08 2022
Jalál	Jalál (Glory) is the second Bahá'í- month.	Apr 08 2024	Apr 08 2024
New Moon	(18:22 UTC) The Moon will located on the same side of the Earth as the Sun and will not be visible in the night sky. This is the best time of the month to observe faint objects such as galaxies and star clusters because there is no moonlight to interfere. (Sea and Sky)	Apr 08 2024	Apr 08 2024
Total Solar Eclipse	A total solar eclipse occurs when the moon completely blocks the Sun, revealing the Suns beautiful outer atmosphere known as the corona. This is a rare, once-in-a-lifetime event for viewers in the United States. The last total solar eclipse visible in the continental US occurred in 2017 and the next one will not take place until 2045. The path of totality will begin in the Pacific Ocean and move across parts of Mexico and the eastern United States and Nova Scotia. The total eclipse will be visible in parts of Texas, Arkansas, Missouri, Illinois, Indiana, Kentucky, Ohio, Pennsylvania, New York, Vermont, New Hampshire, and Maine. (Sea and Sky)	Apr 08 2024	Apr 08 2024
Navvarsha	New Year's Day. Bikarami Samvat 2081 begins.	Apr 09 2024	Apr 09 2024
Ramayana Week begins	Begins nine days before Ramanavmi, the birth day of Lord Rama. Fasting during this period is considered highly auspicious.	Apr 09 2024	Apr 09 2024
International Day of Pink	Celebrated on the second Wednesday of April, this is a day when people around the world are encouraged to put on a pink shirt and stand in solidarity with the LGBTQ2S+ community to continue fighting for equality and acceptance.	Apr 10 2024	Apr 10 2024
??d al-Fi?r	Major Faith Day	Apr 10 2024	Apr 10 2024
Saka New Year	Observed over two days, the Saka calendar's New Year's Day is a religious and cultural celebration for Sinhalese, Indians, Burmese, Kampuchean, Laotians and Thais. (Therav?da) Religious accommodation for special worship may be required for this observance/holy day.	Apr 13 2022	Apr 13 2022
Tamil New Year	Tamil New Year (Puthandu) is one of the most important annual festivals in Sri Lanka celebrated by Tamil communities. It marks the beginning of the new year in Sri Lanka and falls on April 13th every year.	Apr 13 2024	Apr 13 2024
Vaisakhi	Major Faith Day	Apr 13 2024	Apr 13 2024
Saka New Year	Observed over two days, the Saka calendar's New Year's Day is a religious and cultural celebration for Sinhalese, Indians, Burmese, Kampuchean, Laotians and Thais (Thai Water Festival). (Therav?da) Religious accommodation for special worship may be required for this observance/holy day.	Apr 14 2022	Apr 14 2022
Vaisakhi (Solar New Year)	The first day of the solar year, Vaisakhi celebrates the harvest. It is especially important in North India. Vaisakhi, as a Hindu festival, is celebrated in several different ways across different countries.	Apr 14 2022	Apr 14 2022
Vaisakhi	Vaisakhi is important for Sikhs because on this day in 1699, Guru Gobind Singh Ji, the tenth Guru, removed the clerical system from Sikhism. Thus he reaffirmed the direct connection between Sikhs and the Divine. Guru Gobind Singh Ji also created the Khalsa Panth, the Fellowship of the Pure. Khalsa brothers are given the name Singh (lion), and sisters are named Kaur (lioness or princess). Religious accommodation for special worship may be required for this observance/holy day.	Apr 14 2022	Apr 14 2022

Aymbil Ori (First Half) begins	(Ends April 23) Aymbil Ori is an (approximately) nine-day festival that occurs twice during the calendar year. It is a time when devout Jains undertake a special type of fasting. They eat only once during the day and the food is prepared without oil, butter, milk, sugar or salt. During these days, they revere the Nav-pads (Arihant, Siddha, Acharya, Upadhyay, Sadhu, Gyan, Darshan, Charitra and Tappa).	Apr 15 2024	Apr 15 2024
Ramanavami	Celebrates the birthday of Rama, the seventh incarnation of the God Vishnu. During the previous eight days, Hindus read the Ramayana, a Hindu epic, which tells the story of Rama.	Apr 17 2024	Apr 17 2024
First Day of the Festival of Ridván	Major Faith Day	Apr 20 2024	Apr 20 2024
First Day of the Festival of Ri?ván	The Festival of Ri?ván, termed by Bahá'u'lláh the 'Most Great Festival' and the 'King of Festivals,' commemorates the 12 days that Bahá'u'lláh spent in the garden of Ri?ván outside Baghdad. The festival commemorates Bahá'u'lláh's public declaration of His mission to His family and closest followers. The first, the ninth, and the twelfth days of Ri?ván are Bahá'í Holy Days on which work is suspended. Religious accommodation may be required for this observance/holy day. Suspension of work/classes may be requested by observant.	Apr 20 2024	Apr 20 2024
Mahavira Jayanti	Major Faith Day	Apr 21 2024	Apr 21 2024
Mahavira Jayanti	Celebrates the birthday of Lord Mahavira (Great Hero), the 24th Tirthankara (and the last of this time cycle). Religious accommodation for special worship may be required for this observance/holy day.	Apr 21 2024	Apr 21 2024
Eve of Pesa?	Observance begins at sundown. Religious accommodation for special worship may be required for this observance/holy day.	Apr 22 2024	Apr 22 2024
Therav?da New Year	Major Faith Day	Apr 23 2024	Apr 23 2024
First Day of Pesa?	Major Faith Day	Apr 23 2024	Apr 23 2024
Hanuman Jayanti	Celebrates the the birth of the god Hanuman, a loyal devotee to Lord Rama. Celebrants mark Hanuman's birth by reciting the sacred text, Hanuman Chalisa, performing special pujas (prayer rituals), processing through the streets and adorning costumes to imitate the deity.	Apr 23 2024	Apr 23 2024
Therav?da New Year	New Year festival for Therav?da Buddhists (primarily located in Thailand, Burma, Sri Lanka, Cambodia and Laos), celebrated for three days from the first full moon day in April. Religious accommodation for special worship may be required for this observance/holy day.	Apr 23 2024	Apr 23 2024
First Day of Pesa?	Pesa? (Passover) commemorates the departure of Israelites from slavery in Egypt. The festival of Passover is celebrated for eight days, the first two and last two days are observed as holy days. The evenings of the first and second days of Pesa? begin with Seder meals (festive meals and the telling of the Passover story). The final day of Pesa? marks the Israelites' crossing of the Reed Sea, as related in The Book of Exodus. Religious accommodation for special worship may be required for this observance/holy day.	Apr 23 2024	Apr 23 2024
Full Moon	(23:50 UTC) This full moon was known by early First Nations peoples / Native American tribes as the Pink Moon because it marked the appearance of the moss pink, or wild ground phlox, which is one of the first spring flowers. This moon has also been known as the Sprouting Grass Moon, the Growing Moon, and the Egg Moon. Many coastal tribes called it the Fish Moon because this was the time that the shad swam upstream to spawn. (Sea and Sky)	Apr 23 2024	Apr 23 2024
International Guide Dog Day	International Guide Dog Day is a day to honour guide dogs around the world and the work they do to help those who are blind or partially signed, as well as those who raise, train and match guide dogs to their partners. For more information, please visit https://cnib.ca/en/news/ben-mulroney-talks-international-guide-dog-day?region=bc	Apr 24 2024	Apr 24 2024
Second Day of Pesa?	Pesa? (Passover) commemorates the departure of Israelites from slavery in Egypt. The festival of Passover is celebrated for eight days, the first two and last two days are observed as holy days. The evenings of the first and second days of Pesa? begin with Seder meals (festive meals and the telling of the Passover story). The final day of Pesa? marks the Israelites' crossing of the Reed Sea, as related in The Book of Exodus. Religious accommodation for special worship may be required for this observance/holy day.	Apr 24 2024	Apr 24 2024
Lazarus Saturday (E)	(For those Christians who follow the Julian calendar.) Commemorates the raising of Lazarus from the dead by Jesus (John 11:1-45).	Apr 27 2024	Apr 27 2024
Jamál	Jamál (Beauty) is the third Bahá'í- month.	Apr 27 2024	Apr 27 2024
Nichiren Foundation Day	Anniversary of the foundation of the Nichiren Sect in 1253. (Mah'y?na - Nichiren)	Apr 28 2022	Apr 28 2022
Ninth Day of Ri?ván	The 9th Day of Ri?ván is when Bahá'u'lláh's family joined Him at the garden of Ri?ván in Baghdad. Bahá'í-s suspend work on this day. Religious accommodation may be required for this observance/holy day. Suspension of work/classes may be requested by observant.	Apr 28 2024	Apr 28 2024
Palm Sunday (E)	(For those Christians who follow the Julian calendar.) Celebrates the entry of Jesus into Jerusalem.	Apr 28 2024	Apr 28 2024
Shrimad Rajchandra Dehvilay	A prominent Jain philosopher and scholar, this observance marks the day of His emancipation (1901).	Apr 29 2024	Apr 29 2024
Holy Week begins (E)	(For those Christians who follow the Julian calendar.) Holy Week begins in the Eastern Churches the day after Palm Sunday and ends on Holy Friday (April 29 - May 3).	Apr 29 2024	Apr 29 2024
Seventh Day of Pesa?	Pesa? (Passover) commemorates the departure of Israelites from slavery in Egypt. The festival of Passover is celebrated for eight days, the first two and last two days are observed as holy days. The evenings of the first and second days of Pesa? begin with Seder meals (festive meals and the telling of the Passover story). The final day of Pesa? marks the Israelites' crossing of the Reed Sea, as related in The Book of Exodus. Religious accommodation for special worship may be required for this observance/holy day.	Apr 29 2024	Apr 29 2024
Ghambar Maidyozarem begins	Ghambar Maidyozarem (April 30 - May 4) celebrates the creation of sky and the harvesting of the winter crop.	Apr 30 2022	Apr 30 2022
Eighth (Last) Day of Pesa?	Pesa? (Passover) commemorates the departure of Israelites from slavery in Egypt. The festival of Passover is celebrated for eight days, the first two and last two days are observed as holy days. The evenings of the first and second days of Pesa? begin with Seder meals (festive meals and the telling of the Passover story). The final day of Pesa? marks the Israelites' crossing of the Reed Sea, as related in The Book of Exodus. Religious accommodation for special worship may be required for this observance/holy day.	Apr 30 2024	Apr 30 2024
MAY			

Dutch Heritage Month	By proclaiming the month of May as Dutch Heritage Month, the Province of Ontario recognizes the important contributions that Dutch Canadians have made to the economic, political, social and cultural fabric of Ontario's society. May is a historically significant month for the Dutch Canadian community. On May 5, 1945, the Canadian forces were instrumental in the liberation of the Netherlands from occupation during World War II. The Netherlands celebrates its independence and liberty, along with the heroic efforts of the Canadian forces, with a national holiday known as Liberation Day, which takes place annually on May 5.	May 01 2010	May 01 2010
Jewish Heritage Month	May is a significant month for the Jewish Canadian community. Israeli Independence Day (Yom ha-Atzmaut) and Holocaust Remembrance Day (Yom ha-Shoah) frequently occur in May, as do various Jewish artistic and cultural events. By proclaiming the month of May as Jewish Heritage Month, the Province of Ontario recognizes the important contributions that Jewish Canadians have made to Ontario's social, economic, political and cultural fabric. Jewish Heritage Month is an opportunity to remember, celebrate and educate future generations about the inspirational role that Jewish Canadians have played, and continue to play, in communities across Ontario.	May 01 2010	May 01 2010
Planting Moon (local Oneida)	3 sisters (corn, beans and squash) are planted as these are healthy medicine for the people on earth. One story says they were brought by the Sky Woman on the fringes of her dress. She also used her hands to grab other plants (strawberries and tobacco) on her way down to earth... as told by Oneida of the Thames Elders.	May 01 2021	May 01 2021
Asian & South Asian Heritage Month (Canada)	In Canada, Asian & South Asian Heritage Month acknowledges the long and rich history of Asian & South Asian Canadians and their contributions to Canada. In the USA, it is called the Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month. This observance also provides an opportunity for North Americans to reflect on and celebrate the contributions of Asian & South Asian Canadians / Asian & Pacific Islander Americans to the growth and prosperity of North America. For Canadian info see: https://bit.ly/2Koa3Ab	May 01 2021	May 01 2021
Beltane	Major Faith Day	May 01 2024	May 01 2024
Beltane	Also called Beltain, May Eve [April 30] and May Day, Beltane celebrates the conjoining of the infinite potential of the Goddess with the life-sparking energy of the God in a sacred marriage, the basis of all creation. It is a time for balancing the feminine and masculine tides within the psyche as each celebrant prepares to participate in bringing the creative potential of the year to fruition.	May 01 2022	May 01 2022
12th Day of Ri?ván	The 12th Day of Ri?ván concludes this important Bahá'í- festival. Bahá'í-s suspend work on this day. Religious accommodation for special worship may be required for this observance/holy day.	May 01 2024	May 01 2024
Holy Thursday (E)	(For those Christians who follow the Julian calendar.) Celebrates the institution of the Lords Supper by Jesus.	May 02 2024	May 02 2024
Holy Friday (E)	Major Faith Day	May 03 2024	May 03 2024
Holy Friday (E)	(For those Christians who follow the Julian calendar.) Commemorates the Passion of Jesus Christ, i.e., his submission to death by crucifixion. Religious accommodation for special worship may be required for this observance/holy day.	May 03 2024	May 03 2024
Ghambar Maidyozarem ends	Celebrates the creation of sky and the harvesting of the winter crop.	May 04 2022	May 04 2022
South Asian Arrival Day	While most South Asians came to our country from India, many others came to Ontario from such places as Pakistan, Sri Lanka, Bangladesh, Uganda, Kenya, South Africa, Mauritius, Singapore, Malaysia, Fiji, the United Kingdom, Trinidad and Tobago and Guyana. Today, South Asians make up a significant proportion of Ontario's population and are proud to draw upon their heritage and traditions, contributing to many aspects of culture, commerce and public service across this province. It is appropriate to recognize and pay tribute to the contributions South Asians have made, and continue to make, to the development and general welfare of Ontario.	May 05 2010	May 05 2010
African World Heritage Day	African World Heritage Day was proclaimed by the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) in November 2015 as an opportunity to celebrate Africa's unique cultural and natural heritage.	May 05 2021	May 05 2021
Red Dress Day	Red Dress Day is a National Day of Awareness for Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls and is a day to reflect, grieve and continue our work together towards ending this ongoing national tragedy.	May 05 2021	May 05 2021
National Day of Action for Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls	The National Day of Action for Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls is a day to honour the lives of missing and murdered Indigenous women, girls and gender diverse people by creating change and committing to ending the violence that disproportionately impacts their communities.	May 05 2022	May 05 2022
Pascha / Easter (E)	Major Faith Day	May 05 2024	May 05 2024
Pascha (E)	(Easter for those Christians who follow the Julian calendar.) Celebrates the resurrection of Jesus. It initiates the fifty-day period culminating in Pentecost. Religious accommodation for special worship may be required for this observance/holy day.	May 05 2024	May 05 2024
Eve of Yom HaShoah	Observance begins at sundown.	May 05 2024	May 05 2024
Mental Health Week	Mental Health Week is recognized in Canada to promote, protect and celebrate mental health.	May 06 2024	May 06 2024
Easter Monday (E)	Easter Monday, the day after Pascha (Orthodox Easter), celebrates Jesus' resurrection.	May 06 2024	May 06 2024
Yom HaShoah	Held in memory of the six million Jews who died as victims of Nazi atrocities (World War II).	May 06 2024	May 06 2024
Days of Remembrance and Reconciliation (UN)	The United Nations has a two-day global observance that occurs on May 8 and 9 each year. It is known as the Time of Remembrance and Reconciliation for Those Who Lost Their Lives during the Second World War.	May 08 2010	May 08 2010
World Red Cross and Red Crescent Day (Int)	Anniversary of the birth of Henry Dunant (born 1828), the founder of International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) and the recipient of the first Nobel Peace Prize. Became World Red Cross and Red Crescent Day in 1984. The origins of the initial Red Cross Day are in the former Czechoslovakia.	May 08 2022	May 08 2022
New Moon	(03:23 UTC) The Moon will located on the same side of the Earth as the Sun and will not be visible in the night sky. This is the best time of the month to observe faint objects such as galaxies and star clusters because there is no moonlight to interfere. (Sea and Sky)	May 08 2024	May 08 2024
Days of Remembrance and Reconciliation (UN)	The United Nations has a two-day global observance that occurs on May 8 and 9 each year. It is known as the Time of Remembrance and Reconciliation for Those Who Lost Their Lives during the Second World War.	May 09 2010	May 09 2010
Ascension (W)	The anniversary of Jesus' ascension into heaven and enthronement as universal sovereign. It comes forty days after Easter.	May 09 2024	May 09 2024
Akshaya-tritiya	(Immortal Third) Celebrates the day when Lord Rishabha broke his first year-long fast by drinking sugar cane juice. (Also observed by Buddhists and Hindus.)	May 10 2024	May 10 2024

Mother's Day (Canada, USA)	Mother's Day is a celebration that honors mothers and motherhood, maternal bonds, and the influence of mothers in society. It is celebrated on various days in many parts of the world and is a complement to Father's Day, a celebration honoring fathers.	May 12 2024	May 12 2024
International Day of Families (UN)	Celebrated on May 15 every year to mark the importance of families.	May 15 2010	May 15 2010
Global Accessibility Awareness Day	Global Accessibility Awareness Day is a day for awareness to think about, learn about and experience digital accessibility.	May 16 2024	May 16 2024
'A?amat	'A?amat (Grandeur), the fourth month of the Bahá'í year.	May 16 2024	May 16 2024
International Day Against Homophobia	The day aims to coordinate international events that raise awareness of LGBT rights violations and stimulate interest in LGBT rights work worldwide.	May 17 2021	May 17 2021
Sanja Matsuri (Three Shrine Festival)	Religious in origin, Sanja Matsuri is primarily a three day festival of celebration. Honours the three founders of Sens?-ji, Tokyo's oldest Buddhist Temple.	May 18 2024	May 18 2024
Pentecost (W)	Also known as Whitsunday in some Western churches, Pentecost is the commemoration of the coming of the Holy Spirit upon the disciples of Jesus following his ascension (Acts 2:1-11). It comes fifty days after Easter.	May 19 2024	May 19 2024
Victoria Day (Canada)	Victoria Day is celebrated in honour of Queen Victoria, first sovereign of a confederated Canada.	May 20 2024	May 20 2024
Indigenous Awareness Week (Canada)	May 21 - 24: Indigenous Public Service Awareness Week, first introduced in 1992, is held on the four days that follow the Victoria Day long weekend. It was designed to increase awareness of Indigenous people within the Canadian mosaic and the public service. It has evolved into a week to honour the many Indigenous cultures in Canada, including the Metis, the Inuit and First Nations.	May 21 2024	May 21 2024
World Day for Cultural Diversity for Dialogue (UN)	The World Day for Cultural Diversity for Dialogue and Development (UN) emphasizes the values of cultural diversity and of communicating across cultural boundaries.	May 21 2010	May 21 2010
Indigenous Awareness Week (Canada)	May 21 - 24: Indigenous Public Service Awareness Week, first introduced in 1992, is held on the four days that follow the Victoria Day long weekend. It was designed to increase awareness of First Nations peoples within the Canadian mosaic and the public service. It has evolved into a week to honour the many First Indigenous cultures in Canada, including Metis, Inuit and First Nations.	May 21 2024	May 21 2024
Declaration of The Báb	Major Faith Day	May 23 2024	May 23 2024
Wesak (Buddha Day)	Major Faith Day	May 23 2024	May 23 2024
Declaration of The Báb	Declaration of The Báb commemorates the day in 1844 on which He announced His identity as The Báb, or Gate, the Herald of the new age. Religious accommodation for special worship may be required for this observance/holy day.	May 23 2024	May 23 2024
Wesak (Buddha Day)	The most important day of the year for Buddhists. Coming on the full moon, it commemorates the birth, awakening, and passing away (parinibbana) of the historical Buddha, Siddhartha Gautama. (Therav?da) (North America) Religious accommodation for special worship may be required for this observance/holy day.	May 23 2024	May 23 2024
Full Moon	(13:55 UTC) This full moon was known by early First Nations peoples / Native American tribes as the Flower Moon because this was the time of year when spring flowers appeared in abundance. This moon has also been known as the Corn Planting Moon and the Milk Moon. (Sea and Sky)	May 23 2024	May 23 2024
Pansexual and Panromantic Visibility Day	A day to celebrate the pansexual and panromantic community and educate others.	May 24 2024	May 24 2024
National Missing Children's Day (USA, Canada)	Etan Patz's disappearance in New York City in 1979 led to nation-wide attention to the importance of child-safety from abduction and to steps for locating missing children. The day of Etan's disappearance, May 25, was designated National Missing Children's Day by President Reagan in 1983.	May 25 2010	May 25 2010
Eve of Lag Ba'Omer	Observance begins at sundown.	May 25 2024	May 25 2024
?Vesak?, the Day of the Full Moon	The United Nations first recognized the Day of Vesak in 1999 as a day to acknowledge the contribution that Buddhism, one of the oldest religions in the world, has made for over two and a half millennia and continues to make to the spirituality of humanity.	May 26 2021	May 26 2021
National AccessAbility Week	National AccessAbility Week (NAAW) is an opportunity to celebrate the valuable contributions of Canadians with disabilities and to recognize the efforts of individuals, communities and workplaces that are actively working to remove barriers to accessibility and inclusion.	May 26 2024	May 26 2024
Lag Ba'Omer	Lag Ba'Omer commemorates the day that Rabbi Shimon Bar Yochai, a great sage and author of the Kabbalah, Jewish mysticism, passed away. Tradition says that on the last day of his life, he gathered his students and illuminated the world with his knowledge and mystical teachings of the Torah. To this day, bonfires are lit on this night to celebrate the importance of education and to signify the light which illuminated the world through Rabbi Shimon.	May 26 2024	May 26 2024
Trinity Sunday (W)	A celebration of the Christian understanding of God in Three Persons (Father, Son, Holy Spirit). It comes one week after Pentecost. (Western Churches)	May 26 2024	May 26 2024
Ascension of Bahá'u'lláh	Major Faith Day	May 28 2024	May 28 2024
Ascension of Bahá'u'lláh	Marks the anniversary of the death of the founder of the Bahá'í faith. Bahá'ís suspend work on this day. Religious accommodation for special worship may be required for this observance/holy day.	May 28 2024	May 28 2024
Red Shirt Day	Red Shirt Day is a day to wear red in order to create a visible display of solidarity and to show support for persons and families living with disabilities. It is also a day to celebrate the achievements of people living with disabilities and to pledge a commitment to help create a fully accessible and inclusive society.	May 29 2024	May 29 2024
Int Day of United Nations Peacekeepers (UN)	A Day of tribute to all those who have served and now serve in UN peacekeeping missions.	May 29 2010	May 29 2010
JUNE			
Italian Heritage Month	Ontario is home to more than 1,350,000 Italian Canadians. Since the 1880s, the Italian Canadian community has made and continues to make significant contributions to the growth and prosperity of the Province of Ontario. By proclaiming the month of June as Italian Heritage Month, the Province of Ontario recognizes the important contributions immigrants have made in building Ontario's communities and the economic, political, social and cultural achievements of Italian Canadians throughout the province. Italian Heritage Month is an opportunity to remember, celebrate and educate future generations about Ontario's rich history.	Jun 01 2010	Jun 01 2010
Portuguese History and Heritage Month	The Portuguese Canadian community is a vibrant community in Ontario and continues to make many significant contributions to our society and to enrich it with its history, language, culture and work ethic. The month of June and the day of June 10, in particular, have always been a great time of celebration by the Portuguese community. The celebrations honour the life of Luis de Camoes and his famous epic poems, the Lusiads, with cultural performances, history seminars, poem recitals, street parades, and many other activities. The Lusiads are epic poems narrating the history of Portugal up to and including the era of the discoveries of the 15th and 16th centuries. June 10 is the anniversary of the death of Luis de Camoes.	Jun 01 2010	Jun 01 2010

Pride Month	Pride Month commemorates the Stonewall riots, which occurred at the end of June 1969. Events are held during this month to celebrate LGBTQ members of our communities. Pride events celebrate diversity and the lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer and 2-spirited (LGBTQ2+) communities, acknowledge their history and achievements, and continue the focus on fostering the rights and recognition that LGBTQ2+ Canadians deserve.	Jun 01 2010	Jun 01 2010
Seniors Month	June is Seniors' Month in Ontario. It is a time when we recognize the contributions that older adults make in communities across our province.	Jun 01 2010	Jun 01 2010
National Indigenous History Month	In June, Canadians celebrate National Indigenous History Month to honour the history, heritage and diversity of Indigenous peoples in Canada. In June, we continue to highlight and focus on promoting the rights and recognition that Indigenous people deserve. It is also an opportunity to recognize the strength of present-day Indigenous communities.	Jun 01 2010	Jun 01 2010
Strawberry Moon (local Oneida)	At this time of year, strawberries ripen and young children (one boy and one girl) that are still innocent are chosen to hand out strawberry drinks. Pregnant women are not to eat or drink any kind of berries as if they do, their baby may be born with a birth-mark... as told by Oneida of the Thames Elders.	Jun 01 2021	Jun 01 2021
National Deaf Blind Awareness Month	June is Deaf-Blind Awareness Month. This is a month to promote public awareness of deafblind issues and to recognize the contributions of Canadians who are deafblind.	Jun 01 2021	Jun 01 2021
Global Day of Parents	The Global Day of Parents is recognized by the United Nations as an opportunity to appreciate all parents for their selfless commitment to children and their lifelong sacrifice towards nurturing that relationship.	Jun 01 2021	Jun 01 2021
National Brain Injury Awareness Month	National Brain Injury Awareness Month is also recognized in June and is an opportunity to bring attention to the effects of brain injuries and measures to help prevent them.	Jun 01 2021	Jun 01 2021
Filipino Heritage Month	June is Filipino Heritage Month in Ontario. It is a time to acknowledge and affirm the contributions that Filipinos make in Ontario as part of the vibrant social, economic, political and cultural fabric of our province	Jun 01 2022	Jun 01 2022
Intergenerational Day	A celebration of the mutual benefits of building relationships across generations.	Jun 01 2024	Jun 01 2024
Saicho Dengyo Daishi Memorial	Anniversary of the death of Saicho Dengyo Daishi, who established the Tiantai/Tendai Sect in Japan.	Jun 04 2022	Jun 04 2022
Nūr	Nūr (Light), the fifth month of the Bahá'í- year.	Jun 04 2024	Jun 04 2024
New Moon	(12:39 UTC) The Moon will located on the same side of the Earth as the Sun and will not be visible in the night sky. This is the best time of the month to observe faint objects such as galaxies and star clusters because there is no moonlight to interfere. (Sea and Sky)	Jun 06 2024	Jun 06 2024
Portugal Day	The Portuguese Canadian community is a vibrant community in Ontario and continues to make many significant contributions to our society by enriching it with its history, language, culture and work ethic. The month of June and the day of June 10, in particular, have always been a great time of celebration by the Portuguese community. The celebrations honour the life of Luis de Camoes and his famous epic poems, the Lusiads, with cultural performances, history seminars, poem recitals, street parades, and many other activities. The Lusiads are epic poems narrating the history of Portugal up to and including the era of the discoveries of the 15th and 16th centuries. June 10 is the anniversary of the death of Luis de Camoes.	Jun 10 2010	Jun 10 2010
Martyrdom of Guru Arjan Dev Ji	Guru Arjan Dev Ji (1563-1606) was the first Sikh Martyr and the fifth Guru. He built the Harimandir Sahib (Home of the Divine) in which Sikhs could meet to learn, in the town of Amritsar (Pool of Nectar). To emphasize that the Sikh way was open to all, regardless of caste, he constructed the Gurdwara with doors facing all four directions. Sikhs remember Guru Arjan Dev Ji for contributing to and compiling the Sikh Scriptures.	Jun 10 2024	Jun 10 2024
Eve of Shavuot	Observance begins at sundown. Religious accommodation for special worship may be required for this observance/holy day.	Jun 11 2024	Jun 11 2024
First Day of Shavuot	Major Faith Day	Jun 12 2024	Jun 12 2024
World Day Against Child Labour (UN)	The International Labour Organization (ILO) launched the World Day Against Child Labour in 2002 to focus attention on the global extent of child labour and the action and efforts needed to eliminate it.	Jun 12 2010	Jun 12 2010
First Day of Shavuot	Shavuot celebrates receiving God's Torah on Mount Sinai and marks the conclusion of seven weeks of personal and communal introspection following Pesa.	Jun 12 2024	Jun 12 2024
International Albinism Awareness Day	On December 18, 2014, the United Nations' General Assembly adopted a resolution establishing June 13th as International Albinism Awareness Day. This historic resolution confirmed the global focus on albinism advocacy. NOAH joins with the worldwide albinism community in encouraging everyone to celebrate and promote albinism awareness on June 13th each year.	Jun 13 2024	Jun 13 2024
Second (Last) Day of Shavuot	Shavuot celebrates receiving God's Torah on Mount Sinai and marks the conclusion of seven weeks of personal and communal introspection following Pesa?.	Jun 13 2024	Jun 13 2024
Ascension (E)	(For those Christians who follow the Julian calendar.) The anniversary of Jesus' ascension into heaven and enthronement as universal sovereign. It comes forty days after Pascha (Easter).	Jun 13 2024	Jun 13 2024
World Elder Abuse Awareness Day	World Elder Abuse Awareness Day is recognized by the United Nations as a day to make the international community aware of what elder abuse is and the various forms it can take.	Jun 15 2021	Jun 15 2021
Father's Day (Canada, USA, UK)	Proclaimed a national holiday in the USA by President Johnson in 1966, Father's Day was first proposed in the early 20th century as a counterpart to Mother's Day. It occurs on the third Sunday in June in most countries that celebrate it.	Jun 16 2024	Jun 16 2024
??d al-'A??á	Major Faith Day	Jun 17 2024	Jun 17 2024
Festival of Sacrifice	This day is the concluding act of pilgrimage and is observed even when not on pilgrimage. As Abraham offered his son, Ishmael, to God, Muslims offer sheep, goats & camels. They distribute the meat to the poor. (Observance begins at sunset of the previous day, but special worship and prayers begin June 17.) Religious accommodation for special worship may be required for this observance/holy day.	Jun 17 2024	Jun 17 2024
International Day for Countering Hate Speech	In July 2021, the UN General Assembly highlighted global concerns over 'the exponential spread and proliferation of hate speech' around the world and adopted a resolution on 'promoting inter-religious and intercultural dialogue and tolerance in countering hate speech'. The resolution proclaimed June 18 as the International Day for Countering Hate Speech.	Jun 18 2024	Jun 18 2024
Jamyang Khyentse Chokyi Lodro Anniversary	Anniversary of Jamyang Khyentse Chokyi Lodro. He was a major proponent of the Rime movement within Tibetan Buddhism, and had a profound influence on many of the Tibetan lamas teaching today.	Jun 18 2022	Jun 18 2022
Juneteenth	Juneteenth celebrates the emancipation of African Americans from slavery. Celebrations were first held in Texas in 1866. Now a federal holiday in the US, Juneteenth commemorates African American freedom and emphasizes education and achievement.	Jun 19 2022	Jun 19 2022

World Refugee Day (UN)	A Day to focus attention on the predicament of those tens of millions of people uprooted from their homes by war, famine, and persecution, among other causes. It was proclaimed in 2001 as an annual celebration of the 1951 Convention relating to the Status of Refugees, which was originally focused on refugees in Europe following WW2 but later expanded to cover all refugees.	Jun 20 2010	Jun 20 2010
Litha	energy of the God is poured out in the service of life. His sacrifice, resulting in his total immolation by the end of the season, sets the standard of self-giving in service to the Goddess. Litha comes on the June	Jun 20 2024	Jun 20 2024
June Solstice	The June solstice occurs at 20:46 UTC. This is the first day of summer (summer solstice) in the northern hemisphere and the first day of winter (winter solstice) in the southern hemisphere. (Sea and Sky)	Jun 20 2024	Jun 20 2024
National Indigenous Peoples Day	June 21 is National Indigenous Peoples Day. This is a day for all Canadians to recognize and celebrate the unique heritage, diverse cultures and outstanding contributions of First Nations, Inuit and Métis peoples.	Jun 21 2010	Jun 21 2010
Poson	Anniversary of the arrival of the Arahant Mahinda, son of King Asoka, who first brought Buddhism to Sri Lanka. Poson is characterised by day-long processions and ceremonies at Mihintale which is now the site of a great Buddhist temple at Ambasthale Dagoba.	Jun 21 2024	Jun 21 2024
Full Moon	(01:09 UTC) This full moon was known by early First Nations peoples / Native American tribes as the Strawberry Moon because it signaled the time of year to gather ripening fruit. It also coincides with the peak of the strawberry harvesting season. This moon has also been known as the Rose Moon and the Honey Moon. (Sea and Sky)	Jun 22 2024	Jun 22 2024
Public Service Day (UN)	An international day to commend and encourage exemplary public service.	Jun 23 2010	Jun 23 2010
Rahmat	Rahmat (Mercy) is the sixth month of the Bahá'í- year.	Jun 23 2024	Jun 23 2024
Pentecost (E)	(For those Christians who follow the Julian calendar.) Pentecost is the commemoration of the coming of the Holy Spirit upon the disciples of Jesus following his ascension (Acts 2:1-11). It comes fifty days after Pascha (Easter).	Jun 23 2024	Jun 23 2024
Int Day in Support of Victims of Torture (UN)	A Day to focus on victims of torture and support action on their behalf. The UN Voluntary Fund for Victims of Torture (established in 1981) funds projects assisting victims. This Day echoes Article 5 of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights (1948): 'No one shall be subjected to torture, or to cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment or punishment.' This Day also honors the 1987 UN Convention against Torture and other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment.	Jun 26 2010	Jun 26 2010
Multiculturalism Day (Canada)	On November 13, 2002, the Government of Canada, by Royal Proclamation, designated June 27 of each year as Canadian Multiculturalism Day. This day is an opportunity to celebrate Canada's diversity and commitment to democracy, equality and mutual respect and to appreciate the contributions of the various multicultural groups and communities to Canadian society.	Jun 27 2021	Jun 27 2021
Ghambar Mailyoshem begins	Ghambar Mailyoshem (June 29 - July 4) celebrates the creation of water, the sowing of the summer crop and the harvesting of grain.	Jun 29 2022	Jun 29 2022
All Saints Day (E)	(For those Christians who follow the Julian calendar.) A day to honor Christian saints throughout the ages. (Eastern Churches)	Jun 30 2024	Jun 30 2024
JULY			
Canada Day	(French: Fête du Canada) Formerly Dominion Day, Canada Day is a federal statutory holiday celebrating the anniversary of the 1 July 1867 enactment of the British North America Act, which united Canada as a single country.	Jul 01 2010	Jul 01 2010
Green Beans Moon (local Oneida)	During this moon green beans ripen. A long time ago, there was a Green Bean Ceremony held during the Harvest Ceremonies ... as told by Oneida of the Thames Elders.	Jul 01 2021	Jul 01 2021
Tibetan Heritage Month	July is Tibetan Heritage Month in Ontario. It is a time to recognize the contributions of Tibetans in all aspects of Ontario society and to educate future generations about the significant roles that Tibetan-Canadians have played and continue to play across Ontario.	Jul 01 2022	Jul 01 2022
Egyptian Heritage Month	July is Egyptian Heritage Month in Ontario. It is a time to recognize the important contributions that Egyptian Canadians have made and continue to make to the economic, social and cultural fabric of Ontario and to remember, celebrate and educate future generations about the achievements and contributions of Egyptian Canadians in the province.	Jul 01 2022	Jul 01 2022
Disability Pride Month	Disability Pride Month started in the United States in 1990 and has become a global movement of empowerment and visibility for those with disabilities.	Jul 01 2024	Jul 01 2024
Canada Day	(French: Fête du Canada), formerly Dominion Day, is a federal statutory holiday celebrating the anniversary of the 1 July 1867 enactment of the British North America Act, which united Canada as a single country.	Jul 01 2024	Jul 01 2024
Ghambar Mailyoshem ends	Ghambar Mailyoshem (June 29 - July 4) celebrates the creation of water, the sowing of the summer crop and the harvesting of grain.	Jul 03 2022	Jul 03 2022
New Moon	(22:59 UTC) The Moon will located on the same side of the Earth as the Sun and will not be visible in the night sky. This is the best time of the month to observe faint objects such as galaxies and star clusters because there is no moonlight to interfere. (Sea and Sky)	Jul 05 2024	Jul 05 2024
Birth date of H.H. Dalai Lama Tenzin Gyatso	Birth date of His Holiness Dalai Lama Tenzin Gyatso (b. 1935), the 14th and current Dalai Lama.	Jul 06 2022	Jul 06 2022
First of Mu?arram (New Year's Day 1446 AH)	The First of Mu?arram (first month of the Islamic year 1446 AH) celebrates the ?ijra (migration) of Mu?ammad and his followers in 622 CE, from Mecca to Medina, where they established the first Islamic community. (Observance begins at sunset of the previous day, but special worship and prayers begin July 7.) Religious accommodation for special worship may be required for this observance/holy day.	Jul 07 2024	Jul 07 2024
Martyrdom of The Báb	Major Faith Day	Jul 09 2024	Jul 09 2024
Martyrdom of The Báb	The Martyrdom of The Báb memorializes His death. Bahá'í-s suspend work on this day. Religious accommodation for special worship may be required for this observance/holy day.	Jul 09 2024	Jul 09 2024
Imamat Day	This day marks the anniversary of the accession of His Highness Prince Karim Aga Khan IV as the 49th hereditary Imam ? spiritual leader ? of Shia Ismaili Muslims	Jul 11 2023	Jul 11 2023
Kalimát	Kalimát (Words), the seventh month of the Bahá'í- year.	Jul 12 2024	Jul 12 2024
International Non-Binary People's Day	This occasion shines a light on those who identify as non-binary and celebrates the rich diversity of the community.	Jul 14 2024	Jul 14 2024
?sh?r?	Major Faith Day	Jul 16 2024	Jul 16 2024
Nelson Mandela International Day (UN)	Celebrates the birthday of Nelson Mandela (born in 1918) in honour of his unwavering dedication to promoting human rights, racial and gender equality, non-violent resolution of disputes, democracy, reconciliation, and a world of peace. First celebrated in 2010.	Jul 18 2010	Jul 18 2010
Guru Purnima	Celebrated around the world by disciples to revere and honour their Gurus (spiritual masters). (Also observed by Buddhists and Hindus.)	Jul 21 2024	Jul 21 2024

Chaturmas	A holy period of approx. four months (July / Aug to Oct / Nov) where devotees observe some form of vow. Chaturmas is reserved for penance, fasting, and other religious observances.	Jul 21 2024	Jul 21 2024
Asalha Puja (Dhamma Day)	Commemorates the Buddha's first discourse, given to the five monks at the Deer Park at Sarnath, near Varanasi. The day is observed by donating offerings to temples and listening to sermons. (Therav?da)	Jul 21 2024	Jul 21 2024
Vassa (Rains Retreat) begins	Monks and nuns begin the three month rainy season retreat: 21 July - 16 October. (Therav?da)	Jul 21 2024	Jul 21 2024
Full Moon	(10:18 UTC) This full moon was known by early First Nations peoples / Native American tribes as the Buck Moon because the male buck deer would begin to grow their new antlers at this time of year. This moon has also been known as the Thunder Moon and the Hay Moon. (Sea and Sky)	Jul 21 2024	Jul 21 2024
Black July	In July 1983, between 400 and 3000 Tamils around the country were killed. These events, known as Black July, triggered an armed conflict that lasted 26 years, cost tens of thousands of lives, destroyed homes and businesses owned by Tamils, and sent hundreds of thousands into exile.	Jul 23 2022	Jul 23 2022
International Day of Friendship (UN)	The International Day of Friendship was proclaimed in 2011 by the UN General Assembly with the idea that friendship between peoples, countries, cultures and individuals can inspire peace efforts and build bridges between communities.	Jul 30 2010	Jul 30 2010
Oh-harai-taisai	(The Grand Purification Ceremony), has been held since ancient times to obtain purification from sins and offences committed during the first half of the lunar year. In earlier times, the Imperial Japanese Court led the ceremonies. A large ring of woven grasses and reeds is placed at the entrance of the shrine premises. Walking through the ring symbolizes inner purification.	Jul 30 2022	Jul 30 2022
Kamál	Kamál (Perfection), the eighth month of the Bahá'í- year.	Jul 31 2024	Jul 31 2024
AUGUST			
Emancipation Day	Emancipation Day is a celebration of freedom. This day commemorates the Slavery Abolition Act, which became law August 1, 1834. It is important to recognize the heritage of Ontario's Black community and the contributions that it has made and continues to make to Ontario. It is also important to recall the ongoing international struggle for human rights and freedom from repression for persons of all races which can be best personified by Lieutenant Governor John Graves Simcoe and Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Accordingly, it is appropriate to recognize August 1 formally as Emancipation Day and to celebrate it.	Aug 01 2010	Aug 01 2010
Small Green Corn Moon (local Oneida)	This corn is picked and used in the Dried Green Corn Ceremony during which people dance OsthwaTheravadako and eat Dried Corn Soup... as told by Oneida of the Thames Elders.	Aug 01 2021	Aug 01 2021
Lammas	(Also called Lughnasad) Lammas is the celebration of the grain harvest, the Harvest of First Fruits. Many traditions celebrate Lammas as the funeral of Lugh, the sun God whose strength is visibly waning by late summer. Religious accommodation for special worship may be required for this observance/holy day.	Aug 01 2022	Aug 01 2022
Layman P'ang-Yun Memorial	Anniversary of the death of Layman Pang. He is considered a model of the potential of the non-monastic Buddhist follower to live an exemplary Buddhist life.	Aug 03 2022	Aug 03 2022
International Forgiveness Day	Sponsored by the Worldwide Forgiveness Alliance, this Day (first Sunday in August) highlights forgiveness and non-violence as pathways to peace, both outer and inner, and honours as role models individuals identified as embodying those values.	Aug 04 2024	Aug 04 2024
New Moon	(11:15 UTC) The Moon will located on the same side of the Earth as the Sun and will not be visible in the night sky. This is the best time of the month to observe faint objects such as galaxies and star clusters because there is no moonlight to interfere. (Sea and Sky)	Aug 04 2024	Aug 04 2024
Civic/Provincial Holiday (Canada)	Observed on the first Monday in August, this public holiday is known by various names in different Canadian provinces and territories, including: British Columbia Day (BC), Heritage Day (AB), Saskatchewan Day (SK), Terry Fox Day (MB), New Brunswick Day (NB), and Natal Day (Nova Scotia).	Aug 05 2024	Aug 05 2024
Transfiguration (W - New Calendar)	Transfiguration celebrates the appearance of Jesus in a transfigured state during his earthly life to three of his disciples.	Aug 06 2022	Aug 06 2022
Fravardeghan Days begin (Shenshai)	Fravardeghan Days, also known as Muktdad (memorializing ancestors), are ten days (August 8 - 17) in preparation for Nowruz (the start of the New Year), observed by Zoroastrians who follow the Shenshai calendar. This ten-day period is a time for reflection, examination of conscience, and repentance for all wrongs done within the year that is coming to an end.	Aug 08 2024	Aug 08 2024
Int Day of the World's Indigenous People (UN)	First observed in 1994, this Day calls attention to issues faced by indigenous people throughout the world, such as human rights, health, education, and economic development. In 2000, the UN Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues was created.	Aug 09 2010	Aug 09 2010
Int Youth Day (UN)	A Day to call attention to the contributions youth are making to our world and to engage and support them in creating a better future.	Aug 12 2010	Aug 12 2010
Eve of Tish'a B'Av	Observance begins at sundown. Religious accommodation for special worship may be required for this observance/holy day.	Aug 12 2024	Aug 12 2024
Tish'a B'Av	Tish'a B'Av, the Ninth day of the month of Av, is a major fast day commemorating the destruction of the First and Second Temples in Jerusalem in ancient times. Religious accommodation for special worship may be required for this observance/holy day.	Aug 13 2024	Aug 13 2024
Nowruz (Shensai)	Nowruz is the start of the New Year for Zoroastrians who follow the Shenshai Calendar, and the beginning of the year 1394 AY (After Yazdegird III, the last of the Zoroastrian kings of Persia). Religious accommodation for special worship may be required for this observance/holy day.>	Aug 18 2024	Aug 18 2024
World Humanitarian Day (UN)	A Day to recognize the dedication, service, and sometimes sacrifice of UN and associated personnel engaged in humanitarian work.	Aug 19 2010	Aug 19 2010
Transfiguration (E - Old Calendar)	Transfiguration celebrates the appearance of Jesus in a transfigured state during his earthly life to three of his disciples.	Aug 19 2022	Aug 19 2022
Raksha Bandhan	Raksha Bandhan (tying on protection) is a festival in which married and unmarried girls and women tie amulets on the wrists of their brothers for protection against evil.	Aug 19 2024	Aug 19 2024
Asmá'	Asmá' (Names), the ninth month of the Bahá'í- year.	Aug 19 2024	Aug 19 2024
Full Moon (Blue Moon)	(18:27 UTC) This full moon was known by early First Nations peoples / Native American tribes as the Sturgeon Moon because the large sturgeon fish of the Great Lakes and other major lakes were more easily caught at this time of year. This moon has also been known as the Green Corn Moon and the Grain Moon. Since this is the third of four full moons in this season, it is known as a blue moon. This rare calendar event only happens once every few years, giving rise to the term, 'once in a blue moon.' (Sea and Sky)	Aug 19 2024	Aug 19 2024
International Day Commemorating the Victims of Acts of Violence Based on Religion or Belief	The International Day Commemorating the Victims of Acts of Violence Based on Religion or Belief is recognized by the United Nations as a day to condemn continuing violence and acts of terrorism targeting individuals, including persons belonging to religious minorities, on the basis of or in the name of religion or belief.	Aug 22 2021	Aug 22 2021

Int Day for Remembrance of the Slave Trade (UNESCO)	The International Day for Remembrance of the Slave Trade and its Abolition (UNESCO) is annually observed on this day to remind people of the tragedy of the transatlantic slave trade.	Aug 23 2010	Aug 23 2010
Birth Anniversary of Zarathustra	The birth anniversary of the Prophet Zarathustra (Zoroaster), who was born at the beginning of the first millennium BCE. It is one of the most important Zoroastrian festivals. Known as Khordad Sal, Zarathushtis gather in Fire temples for prayers and then celebrate with feasting. (According to the Shensai calendar.)	Aug 24 2022	Aug 24 2022
Sri Krishna Jayanti	Major Faith Day	Aug 26 2024	Aug 26 2024
Festival of Ksitigarbha (Jizo) Bodhisattva	Ksitigarbha (jp. Jizo) Bodhisattva is the saviour of beings who suffer in the hellish realms, as well as the guardian of children and patron of deceased children in Japanese culture.	Aug 26 2022	Aug 26 2022
Sri Krishna Jayanti	(Also called Janmashtami) celebrates the birthday of Krishna, the eighth of the 10 incarnations of the Hindu God Vishnu. Krishna is considered the preserver of the universe and is one of Hinduism's most popular deities. Religious accommodation for special worship may be required for this observance/holy day.	Aug 26 2024	Aug 26 2024
International Day for People of African Descent	The International Day for People of African Descent is recognized by the United Nations as a day to promote the extraordinary contributions of the African diaspora around the world and to eliminate all forms of discrimination against people of African descent.	Aug 31 2021	Aug 31 2021
Paryushana-parva	Major Faith Day	Aug 31 2024	Aug 31 2024
Paryushana-parva begins	(Ends Sept 8) The holiest period of the year for the ascetic Shvetambara sect. This 8 day period, concluding on Samvatsari, is a time of dedication to Jain ideals through fasting, worship of the Jina, and reading the life-story of Lord Mahavira from the Kalpasutra. Religious accommodation for special worship may be required for this observance/holy day.	Aug 31 2024	Aug 31 2024
SEPTEMBER			
Harvest Moon (local Oneida)	Historically during this moon, there was a Harvest Ceremony that lasted a week at the longhouse, where thanks was given for the food which sustained the community. Families came from other communities for this ceremony and were hosted at homes within the community. Occasionally visitors liked the community and stayed ... as told by Oneida of the Thames Elders.	Sep 01 2021	Sep 01 2021
Guide Dog Awareness Month	The month of September is National Guide Dog Awareness Month.	Sep 01 2010	Sep 01 2010
First Parkash	Commemorates the installation of the Adi Granth (the first edition of the Sikh Scriptures) at Harimandir Sahib by the fifth Guru, Guru Arjan Dev Ji, in 1604 CE.	Sep 01 2022	Sep 01 2022
Labour Day (Canada, USA)	This celebration (first Monday in September) of the trades and labour movement began in Canada in 1870 and in the USA in 1882.	Sep 02 2024	Sep 02 2024
New Moon	(01:57 UTC) The Moon will be located on the same side of the Earth as the Sun and will not be visible in the night sky. This is the best time of the month to observe faint objects such as galaxies and star clusters because there is no moonlight to interfere. (Sea and Sky)	Sep 03 2024	Sep 03 2024
Int Day of Charity (UN)	This Day promotes charitable efforts made to alleviate poverty worldwide.	Sep 05 2010	Sep 05 2010
Colour Blindness Awareness Day	Colour Blind Awareness Day is a fantastic opportunity to celebrate and raise awareness of people with colour blindness. The date for Colour Blind Awareness Day was chosen because it's the birthday of John Dalton.	Sep 06 2024	Sep 06 2024
Ukrainian Heritage Day	Ontarians of Ukrainian descent have left and continue to leave a historic mark on our province. Their contributions span communities across Ontario and are reflected in our economic, political, social and cultural life. Ukrainian Canadians have played an important role in the development of Ontario into one of the most desirable places in the world to live and have contributed to making Canada the great country that it is today. It is important to recognize and celebrate these contributions.	Sep 07 2010	Sep 07 2010
Ganesh Chaturthi	Major Faith Day	Sep 07 2024	Sep 07 2024
Birth date of H.H. Sakya Trizin	Birth date of H.H. Sakya Trizin, head of the Tibetan Sakya Lineage (b. 1945).	Sep 07 2022	Sep 07 2022
Ganesh Chaturthi	Celebrates the birthday of Ganesh, God of Success.	Sep 07 2024	Sep 07 2024
'Izzat	'Izzat (Might) is the 10th month of the Bahá'í year.	Sep 07 2024	Sep 07 2024
Samvatsari	Major Faith Day	Sep 08 2024	Sep 08 2024
Int Literacy Day (UN)	World-wide, three quarters of a billion adults lack basic literacy skills; two thirds of these are women. The United Nations Educational, Scientific, and Cultural Organization continues to be at the forefront of global literacy work. The goal of UNESCO's literacy programs is 'to create a literate world and promote literacy for all.	Sep 08 2010	Sep 08 2010
Paryushana-parva ends	The holiest period of the year for the ascetic Shvetambara sect. This 8 day period, concluding on Samvatsari, is a time of dedication to Jain ideals through fasting, worship of the Jina, and reading the life-story of Lord Mahavira from the Kalpasutra. Religious accommodation for special worship may be required for this observance/holy day.	Sep 08 2024	Sep 08 2024
Samvatsari	(Day of Forgiveness) The Shvetambara sect observes Samvatsari by introspection, confession and penance. Religious accommodation for special worship may be required for this observance/holy day.	Sep 08 2024	Sep 08 2024
Dashalakshani-parva begins	The Digambara sect celebrates Dashalakshani-parva for ten days (until September 18) by fasting, worship, meditation, confession, and by dedicating each day to a virtue: forgiveness, humility, honesty, purity, truthfulness, self-restraint, asceticism, study, detachment, and celibacy. Religious accommodation for special worship may be required for this observance/holy day.	Sep 08 2024	Sep 08 2024
Int Day for South-South Cooperation (UN)	This Day celebrates economic, social and political achievements by low income countries in the south and promotes technical cooperation between them.	Sep 12 2010	Sep 12 2010
Ghambar Paitishem begins	Ghambar Paitishem (September 12 - 16) celebrates the creation of the earth and the harvesting of the summer crop.	Sep 12 2022	Sep 12 2022
Anniversary of the Tatsunokuchi Persecution	Anniversary of the Tatsunokuchi persecution of 1271.	Sep 12 2022	Sep 12 2022
Mawlid al-Nabʿy	Major Faith Day	Sep 14 2024	Sep 14 2024
Mawlid al-Nabʿy (beginning at sunset to sunset of the next day)	Mawlid al-Nabʿy is the anniversary of the birth of Prophet Muʿammad. Some Muslims mark this occasion by fasting or with parades, special prayers or conferences. Other Muslims may mark the occasion by dedicating more time to read the Qurʿan. (Special worship, including prayers, fasting and other observances begin at sunset and are generally observed until sunset of the following day.) Religious accommodation for special worship may be required for this observance/holy day.	Sep 14 2024	Sep 14 2024
Int Day of Democracy (UN)	September 15 was chosen as a Day to promote democratic principles in national and international affairs in commemoration of the adoption 10 years earlier of the Universal Declaration on Democracy by the Inter-Parliamentary Union, an organization of nearly 150 national parliaments which has permanent observer status at the UN.	Sep 15 2010	Sep 15 2010
World Childless Week	World Childless Week is a week to raise awareness of the childless not by choice community.	Sep 16 2024	Sep 16 2024
Ghambar Paitishem ends	Ghambar Paitishem celebrates the creation of the earth and the harvesting of the summer crop.	Sep 16 2022	Sep 16 2022

Ananta-chaturdasi	(Festival of Ten Virtues) is the holiest day of Dashalakshani-parva for the Digambara sect.	Sep 17 2024	Sep 17 2024
Pitru Paksha	Pitru (Pitri) Paksha (fortnight of the ancestors) is a 16 lunar-day period when Hindus pay homage to their ancestors (Pitras), especially through food offerings.	Sep 18 2024	Sep 18 2024
Ksamavani	On Ksamavani, Jains ask forgiveness of others for wrongs committed during the previous year, and likewise forgive those who caused them suffering. Religious accommodation for special worship may be required for this observance/holy day.	Sep 18 2024	Sep 18 2024
Dashalakshani-parva ends	The Digambara sect celebrates Dashalakshani-parva for ten days (ending today, September 20) by fasting, worship, meditation, confession, and by dedicating each day to a virtue: forgiveness, humility, honesty, purity, truthfulness, self-restraint, asceticism, study, detachment, and celibacy. Religious accommodation for special worship may be required for this observance/holy day.	Sep 18 2024	Sep 18 2024
Full Moon (Supermoon)	(02:36 UTC) This full moon was known by early First Nations peoples / Native American tribes as the Corn Moon because the corn is harvested around this time of year. This moon is also known as the Harvest Moon. The Harvest Moon is the full moon that occurs closest to the September equinox each year. This is also the first of three supermoons for 2024. The Moon will be near its closest approach to the Earth and may look slightly larger and brighter than usual. (Sea and Sky)	Sep 18 2024	Sep 18 2024
Partial Lunar Eclipse	A partial lunar eclipse occurs when the Moon passes through the Earth's partial shadow, or penumbra, and only a portion of it passes through the darkest shadow, or umbra. During this type of eclipse a part of the Moon will darken as it moves through the Earth's shadow. The eclipse will be visible throughout most of North America, Mexico, Central America, South America, the Atlantic Ocean, and most of Europe and Africa. (Sea and Sky)	Sep 18 2024	Sep 18 2024
Festival of Higan-e	19 - 25 September: Higan-e (to reach the other shore) starts three days before the Autumnal Equinox, and finishes three days after that day, continuing for a total of one week. It is a time to honor ancestors and to come together to chant the name of Amida Buddha (nembutsu).	Sep 19 2024	Sep 19 2024
Int Day of Peace (UN)	This Day was established in 1981 for 'commemorating and strengthening the ideals of peace within and among all nations and people.' Later its scope was expanded to include global ceasefire and non-violence.	Sep 21 2010	Sep 21 2010
Gender Equality Week	Gender Equality Week (fourth week in September) is a week recognized in Canada to raise awareness of the important contributions women and gender diverse communities have made to the growth, development, character and identity of Canada and to celebrate the achievements and accomplishments in advancing gender equality.	Sep 22 2024	Sep 22 2024
International Week of the Deaf	The International Week of the Deaf is celebrated annually by the global Deaf community.	Sep 22 2024	Sep 22 2024
Mabon	Major Faith Day	Sep 22 2024	Sep 22 2024
Eihei Dogen Kigen Memorial	Anniversary of the death of Eihei Dogen Kigen, founder of the Soto Zen school in Japan.	Sep 22 2022	Sep 22 2022
Sh?bun-no-hi	(Autumn Memorial Service / Autumnal Equinox Day) Previously called Shunki-sorei-sai, Sh?bun-no-hi occurs in the middle of a seven day period called Higan - a time when respect is paid to ancestors. Visits are made to the family grave, cleaning it and offering flowers and incense to console ancestral spirits.	Sep 22 2024	Sep 22 2024
Mabon	Also known as Harvest Home, Mabon celebrates life's encapsulation as a seed to survive the cold, barren winter and the Harvest of the Vine, which as wine symbolizes the Goddess' power to transform youth's sweet nectar into old age, wisdom and spiritual maturity.	Sep 22 2024	Sep 22 2024
September Equinox	The September equinox occurs at 12:39 UTC. This is the first day of fall (autumnal equinox) in the Northern Hemisphere and the first day of spring (vernal equinox) in the Southern Hemisphere. (Sea and Sky)	Sep 22 2024	Sep 22 2024
International Day of Sign Languages	The International Day of Sign Languages was proclaimed by the United Nations as a day to raise awareness of the importance of sign language in the full realization of the human rights of people who are deaf.	Sep 23 2021	Sep 23 2021
Bi Visibility Day	Marked each year since 1999, Bi Visibility Day raises bi awareness and challenges bisexual & biromantic erasure.	Sep 23 2024	Sep 23 2024
Franco-Ontarian Day	The Francophone community has made and continues to make a significant contribution to the vitality of Ontario's society. This linguistic, cultural and economic contribution is enriched by Francophones originating from outside the province who have chosen Ontario as their home. Many Franco-Ontarians commemorate September 25 to celebrate their language and heritage and also take pride in their collective accomplishments. September 25 is the anniversary of the first unveiling of the Franco-Ontarian flag in Sudbury in 1975; the Franco-Ontarian Emblem Act, 2001 recognizes the flag as the emblem of the Francophone community of Ontario. By proclaiming September 25 as Franco-Ontarian Day, Ontario officially recognizes the contributions of the Francophone community of Ontario to the social, economic and political life of the Province and the community's importance in Ontario's society.	Sep 25 2010	Sep 25 2010
Mashiyyat	Mashiyyat (Will) is the 11th month of the Bahá'í- year.	Sep 26 2024	Sep 26 2024
British Home Child Day	Between 1869 and the late 1940s, over 100,000 British children were sent to Canada from Great Britain. Many of the children faced considerable challenges and tremendous hardships in Canada. By proclaiming September 28 each year as British Home Child Day, the Province of Ontario recognizes and honours the contributions of the British home children who established roots in Ontario.	Sep 28 2022	Sep 28 2022
Orange Shirt Day	Orange Shirt Day is a national movement in Canada to come together in the spirit of hope and reconciliation to honour former residential school students, their families and communities. The day is designed to commemorate the residential school experience, to witness and honour the healing journey of the survivors and their families, and to commit to the ongoing process of reconciliation.	Sep 30 2010	Sep 30 2010
International Translation Day	International Translation Day was declared by the United Nations in 2017 as a day to recognize the role of language professionals in connecting nations and fostering peace, understanding and development.	Sep 30 2021	Sep 30 2021
National Day for Truth and Reconciliation (Canada)	In 2021, the federal government created the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation which will be observed each year on September 30. The day honours the lost children and Survivors of residential schools, their families and communities. Public commemoration of the tragic and painful history and ongoing impacts of residential schools is a vital component of the reconciliation process.	Sep 30 2021	Sep 30 2021
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Hispanic Heritage Month	peoples of Hispanic origin around the world come together and pay tribute to their shared culture. Celebrations are held around the world, such as Hispanic Day (Dia de la Hispanidad), the Day of the Cultures (Dia de las Culturas), Day of the Race (Dia de la Raza), Day of Respect for Cultural Diversity	Oct 01 2010	Oct 01 2010
National Seniors Day	National Seniors Day is October 1. This is an occasion for all Canadians to join in celebrating older adults across Canada.	Oct 01 2010	Oct 01 2010

Storing Food Moon (local Oneida)	Food was stored in a variety of ways including dried (after being spread out on a blanket or hung on string by the stove), or kept cool in pits in the ground or when hung in a bucket in a well (particularly butter and meat). In later times, food was canned. Storage was either done by individual families or in groups. Women on their moon time could not cook or can food... as told by Oneida of the Thames Elders.	Oct 01 2021	Oct 01 2021
Giving Thanks Moon (local Oneida)	During this moon, ceremonies to give thanks were held at the longhouse... as told by Oneida of the Thames Elders.	Oct 01 2021	Oct 01 2021
Disability Employment Awareness Month (Canada, USA)	Established to increase the awareness of the positive outcomes of hiring persons with disabilities.	Oct 01 2021	Oct 01 2021
Women's History Month (Canada)	Proclaimed in 1992 by the Government of Canada, Women's History Month provides an opportunity for Canadians to learn about the important contributions of women and girls to our society and to the quality of our lives today.	Oct 01 2021	Oct 01 2021
Islamic History Month (Canada)	In 2007, the Parliament of Canada officially declared October as Islamic History Month in Canada. This is intended to be a time for Canadians to celebrate and focus on Muslim cultural heritage and the over 1000 years of Muslim contribution to world history and knowledge in order to build bridges between Canadian Muslims and other Canadians. The month employs dialogue and awareness and finds opportunities to embed information in curriculum and school-daily practice related to the rich Islamic History.	Oct 01 2021	Oct 01 2021
Learning Disabilities Awareness Month	October is Learning Disabilities Awareness Month and a time to raise awareness to reduce stigma to allow people to get the supports they need to reach their potential.	Oct 01 2021	Oct 01 2021
Korean Heritage Month	October is Korean Heritage Month in Ontario. It is a time to remember, celebrate and educate future generations about the outstanding achievements and contributions of Korean Canadians in the province of Ontario.	Oct 01 2022	Oct 01 2022
Latin American Heritage Month	October is Latin American Heritage Month in Canada. It is a time to recognize the significant contributions to the social, economic and political fabric of the nation that members of the Latin American community have made.	Oct 01 2022	Oct 01 2022
German Heritage Month	October has been declared by the House of Commons in Canada as German Heritage Month as a time to recognize the contributions that German-Canadians have made to Canadian society, the richness of the German language and culture, and the importance of educating and reflecting upon German heritage for future generations.	Oct 01 2022	Oct 01 2022
Int Day of Older Persons (UN)	First observed in 1991, this Day's purposes are to celebrate the contributions to society of older persons and to call attention to issues relating to them, such as elder abuse.	Oct 01 2010	Oct 01 2010
World Sight Day (WHO)	World Sight Day (WSD) is an annual day of awareness to focus global attention on blindness and vision impairment.	Oct 01 2024	Oct 01 2024
Int Day of Non-Violence (UN)	Mahatma Gandhi's birth date was chosen as an appropriate time to promote the values and principles of non-violence. Educational and public awareness events characterize this Day which was proclaimed by the UN General Assembly in 2008.	Oct 02 2010	Oct 02 2010
Mehragan	The Mehregan Festival, or the Persian Festival of Autumn, is dedicated to Mehr (or Mithra/Mitra) the goddess and symbol of light, friendship, faith, love and kindness and is generally celebrated over two days.	Oct 02 2022	Oct 02 2022
Eve of Rosh Hashanah	Observance begins at sundown. Religious accommodation for special worship may be required for this observance/holy day.	Oct 02 2024	Oct 02 2024
New Moon	(18:51 UTC) The Moon will located on the same side of the Earth as the Sun and will not be visible in the night sky. This is the best time of the month to observe faint objects such as galaxies and star clusters because there is no moonlight to interfere. (Sea and Sky)	Oct 02 2024	Oct 02 2024
Annular Solar Eclipse	An annular solar eclipse occurs when the Moon is too far away from the Earth to completely cover the Sun. This results in a ring of light around the darkened Moon. The Sun's corona is not visible during an annular eclipse. The eclipse path will begin in the Pacific Ocean off the coast of South America and move across parts of southern Chile and Argentina. A partial eclipse will be visible throughout most of southern South America. (Sea and Sky)	Oct 02 2024	Oct 02 2024
Navaratri	Major Faith Day	Oct 03 2024	Oct 03 2024
Rosh Hashanah	Major Faith Day	Oct 03 2024	Oct 03 2024
Navaratri begins	(Continues to October 10) Navaratri is a nine night festival that honors the Mother Goddess in all her manifestations, including Durga, Lakshmi and Saraswati. It is a festival characterized by worship and dance. The festival culminates with Dussehra, the victory of good over evil, on the tenth day.	Oct 03 2024	Oct 03 2024
Rosh Hashanah	New Year's Day, year 5785, and anniversary of the creation of the world. The first of the Ten Days of Awe (or Repentance). Religious accommodation for special worship may be required for this observance/holy day.	Oct 03 2024	Oct 03 2024
National Day of Action for Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls	This is a day to stand in solidarity with Indigenous families and communities to honour the lives of missing and murdered Indigenous women and girls whose lives have been cut short by violence.	Oct 04 2024	Oct 04 2024
Rosh Hashanah	New Year's Day, year 5785, and anniversary of the creation of the world. The first of the Ten Days of Awe (or Repentance). Religious accommodation for special worship may be required for this observance/holy day.	Oct 04 2024	Oct 04 2024
Bodhidharma Memorial	Anniversary of the death of Bodhidharma, the 28th patriarch in the Zen tradition, who brought the Zen transmission from India into China.	Oct 05 2022	Oct 05 2022
Mental Illness Awareness Week	Mental Illness Awareness Week is annual national public education campaign designed to help open the eyes of Canadians to the reality of mental illness.	Oct 06 2024	Oct 06 2024
World Communion Sunday	World Communion Sunday is celebrated in Christian congregations around the world, annually, on the first Sunday in October when they can experience Holy Communion as a global faith community.	Oct 06 2024	Oct 06 2024
World Habitat Day (UN)	The United Nations has designated the first Monday of October every year as World Habitat Day. The purpose of the day is to reflect on the state of our cities and towns and the basic human right to adequate shelter. It is also intended to remind the world of its collective responsibility for the habitat of future generations.	Oct 07 2024	Oct 07 2024
International Lesbian Day	Celebrated on October 8 each year, International Lesbian Day is a day to honour the contributions of lesbians to the women's rights and 2SLGBTQI+ rights movements. It also serves to raise awareness of the unique issues that lesbians experience in their daily lives.	Oct 08 2024	Oct 08 2024
World Mental Health Day (WHO)	World Mental Health Day raises public awareness about mental health issues. The day promotes open discussion of mental disorders, and investments in prevention, promotion and treatment services.	Oct 10 2010	Oct 10 2010

Saraswati Puja	Saraswati Puja, the worship of the Hindu goddess of knowledge, art and music, and wisdom, is an important part of the Navaratri festival, especially in South India. The day is considered to be the most auspicious day in a year to initiate children into the world of learning.	Oct 10 2024	Oct 10 2024
Ayambil Ori (Second Half) begins	(Until October 17) Ayambil Ori is an (approximately) nine-day festival that occurs twice during the calendar year. It is a time when devout Jains undertake a special type of fasting. They eat only once during the day and the food is prepared without oil, butter, milk, sugar or salt. During these days, they revere the Nav-pads (Arihant, Siddha, Acharya, Upadhyay, Sadhu, Gyan, Darshan, Charitra and Tappa).	Oct 10 2024	Oct 10 2024
National Coming Out Day	National Coming Out Day in the United States was established in 1988 on the second anniversary of the March on Washington for Lesbian and Gay rights. Now expanded into Canada, this day serves as an opportunity to celebrate 2SLGBTQI+ identities, decrease stigma, increase awareness, and advocate for change. For some 2SLGBTQI+ folks this day is an opportunity to celebrate their identities publicly.	Oct 11 2024	Oct 11 2024
Int Day of the Girl Child (UN)	October 11 is International Day of the Girl Child, a day dedicated to celebrating the voices and power of girls, championing their rights worldwide, and reflecting on the challenges they continue to face because of their gender.	Oct 11 2010	Oct 11 2010
Eve of Yom Kippur	Observance begins at sundown. Religious accommodation may be required for this observance/holy day. Suspension of work/classes may be requested by observant.	Oct 11 2024	Oct 11 2024
Yom Kippur	Major Faith Day	Oct 12 2024	Oct 12 2024
Ghambar Ayathrem begins	Observed from October 12 - 16, this day celebrates the creation of plants, the sowing of the winter crop, and the return of herds from pasture.	Oct 12 2022	Oct 12 2022
Navaratri ends	Navaratri is a nine night festival that honors the Mother Goddess in all her manifestations, including Durga, Lakshmi and Saraswati. It is a festival characterized by worship and dance. The festival culminates with Dussehra, the victory of good over evil, on the tenth day.	Oct 12 2024	Oct 12 2024
Yom Kippur	Yom Kippur (Day of Atonement) is the year's holiest day and a day of fasting. To re-establish oneness with God and fellow human beings, Jewish people ask for forgiveness from, and grant forgiveness to, each other. They then confess their shortcomings, promise to do better in the year ahead, and seek forgiveness from God. Suspension of work/classes may be requested by observant.	Oct 12 2024	Oct 12 2024
Dassehra	Major Faith Day	Oct 13 2024	Oct 13 2024
Nichiren Shonin Memorial	Anniversary of the death of Nichiren Shonin.	Oct 13 2022	Oct 13 2022
Dassehra	(Vijay Dasami) celebrates the victory of good over evil: of Lord Rama over the demon Ravan, and the Goddess Durga over a demon. It follows the nine-day celebration of Navaratri (nine nights) and Durga Puja (worship), when other Goddesses are worshiped.	Oct 13 2024	Oct 13 2024
Thanksgiving Day (Canada)	Held on the second Monday of October, the Canadian Thanksgiving Day, like similar celebrations elsewhere, is rooted in earlier harvest festivals and other expressions of gratitude.	Oct 14 2024	Oct 14 2024
Rural Women's Day (UN)	First observed in 2008, this Day recognizes the essential contributions of rural women in food production and rural development.	Oct 15 2010	Oct 15 2010
'Ilm	'Ilm (Knowledge) is the 12th month of the Bahá'í- year.	Oct 15 2024	Oct 15 2024
International Pronouns Day	International Pronouns Day is about respect, sharing, education and normalizing personal pronouns. Observed is on third Wednesday of October each year, International Pronouns Day seeks to make respecting, sharing, and educating about personal pronouns commonplace. Referring to people by the pronouns they determine for themselves is basic to human dignity. Being referred to by the wrong pronouns particularly affects transgender and gender nonconforming people. Together, we can transform society to celebrate people's multiple, intersecting identities.	Oct 16 2024	Oct 16 2024
Pavarana Day	Major Faith Day	Oct 16 2024	Oct 16 2024
World Food Day (UN)	Observed since 1981, World Food Day highlights food production and food security.	Oct 16 2010	Oct 16 2010
Ghambar Ayathrem ends	Observed from October 12 - 16, this day celebrates the creation of plants, the sowing of the winter crop, and the return of herds from pasture.	Oct 16 2022	Oct 16 2022
Eve of Sukkot	Observance begins at sundown. Religious accommodation may be required for this observance/holy day. Suspension of work/classes may be requested by observant.	Oct 16 2024	Oct 16 2024
Pavarana Day	End of Vassa (Rains Retreat).	Oct 16 2024	Oct 16 2024
First Day of Sukkot	Major Faith Day	Oct 17 2024	Oct 17 2024
Int Day for the Eradication of Poverty (UN)	Since 1992 this Day calls attention to the issues relating to poverty, especially in developing countries where it is most widespread and acute, and promotes action toward eradicating poverty.	Oct 17 2010	Oct 17 2010
Kathina begins	October 17 - November 15: During the month after the rainy season retreat, lay people may offer the Kathina-robe as part of the general alms-giving ceremony.	Oct 17 2024	Oct 17 2024
First Day of Sukkot	(October 17 - October 23) Known as the feast of Tabernacles, Sukkot is an eight day festival of thanksgiving and harvest that celebrates God's presence in all of creation. (The first two days are considered Holy Days.) Religious accommodation may be required for this observance/holy day. Suspension of work/classes may be requested by observant.	Oct 17 2024	Oct 17 2024
Full Moon (Supermoon)	(11:28 UTC) This full moon was known by early First Nations peoples / Native American tribes as the Hunters Moon because at this time of year the leaves are falling and the game is fat and ready to hunt. This moon has also been known as the Travel Moon and the Blood Moon. This is also the second of three supermoons for 2024. The Moon will be near its closest approach to the Earth and may look slightly larger and brighter than usual. (Sea and Sky)	Oct 17 2024	Oct 17 2024
Persons Day	October 18 is Persons Day in Canada. It marks the day in 1929 when the historic decision to include women in the legal definition of 'persons' was handed down by Canada's highest court of appeal. This gave some women the right to be appointed to the Senate of Canada and paved the way for women's increased participation in public and political life. Though this decision did not include all women, such as Indigenous women and women of Asian heritage and descent, it did mark critical progress in the advancement of gender equality in Canada.	Oct 18 2010	Oct 18 2010
Atmasiddhi Rachna Divas	(Creation Day) On this day, Shrimad Rajchandraji wrote the legendary treatise Shri Atmasiddhi Shastra which explains the quintessence of Jainism.	Oct 18 2024	Oct 18 2024
Second Day of Sukkot	(October 17 - October 23) Known as the feast of Tabernacles, Sukkot is an eight day festival of thanksgiving and harvest that celebrates God's presence in all of creation. (The first two days are considered Holy Days.) Religious accommodation may be required for this observance/holy day. Suspension of work/classes may be requested by observant.	Oct 18 2024	Oct 18 2024
Invisible Disabilities Week	Invisible Disabilities Week is intended to bring awareness to individuals living with invisible disabilities.	Oct 20 2024	Oct 20 2024

Ace Week	Ace Week, formerly Asexual Awareness Week, is an international campaign dedicated to raising awareness and expanding education of asexuality. The week, celebrated the last full week of October, gives all of us an opportunity to celebrate how far our community has come and to dream about the future we will create together.	Oct 20 2024	Oct 20 2024
Installation of the Sri Guru Granth Sahib Ji	Major Faith Day	Oct 20 2024	Oct 20 2024
Installation of the Sri Guru Granth Sahib Ji	This day celebrates the passing on of the Guruship to the Holy Scriptures (the Sri Guru Granth Sahib Ji) by the tenth Guru, Guru Gobind Singh Ji. Religious accommodation for special worship may be required for this observance/holy day.	Oct 20 2022	Oct 20 2022
Karwa Chauth	A fasting ritual observed by all married Hindu women who seek the longevity, prosperity and well-being of their husbands. This festival is very popular amongst married Hindu women in the western and northern parts of India.	Oct 20 2024	Oct 20 2024
Last Day of Sukkot	Known as the feast of Tabernacles, Sukkot is an eight day festival of thanksgiving and harvest that celebrates God's presence in all of creation. (Suspension of work/classes not required on this day.)	Oct 23 2024	Oct 23 2024
Eve of Shmini Atzeret	Observance begins at sundown. Religious accommodation may be required for this observance/holy day. Suspension of work/classes may be requested by observant.	Oct 23 2024	Oct 23 2024
United Nations Day (UN)	A Day to celebrate the founding of the United Nations on October 24, 1945, and to publicize its aims and achievements, as well as to gain support for its activities.	Oct 24 2010	Oct 24 2010
World Development Information Day (UN)	A Day to 'draw attention of worldwide public opinion to development problems and the need to strengthen international cooperation to solve them.' Instituted in 1972. See: https://www.un.org/en/observances/development-information-day target=?_blank? ">https://www.un.org/en/observances/development-information-day 	Oct 24 2010	Oct 24 2010
Shmini Atzeret	Shmini Atzeret is a holy day that celebrates the end of Sukkot and the conclusion of the autumn harvest and the beginning of the rainy season in the Land of Israel. Religious accommodation may be required for this observance/holy day. Suspension of work/classes may be requested by observant.	Oct 24 2024	Oct 24 2024
Eve of Sim'at Torah	Observance begins at sundown. Religious accommodation may be required for this observance/holy day. Suspension of work/classes may be requested by observant.	Oct 24 2024	Oct 24 2024
Sim'at Torah	Major Faith Day	Oct 25 2024	Oct 25 2024
Sim'at Torah	Sim'at Torah (Rejoicing in the Bible) is a holy day that celebrates the completion of the yearly cycle of reading the Torah (Hebrew Bible) and marks the joyful beginning of the next Torah reading cycle. Religious accommodation may be required for this observance/holy day. Suspension of work/classes may be requested by observant.	Oct 25 2024	Oct 25 2024
Intersex Awareness Day	A day to encourage dialogue and raise awareness on the human rights violations faced by intersex people. Learn more:	Oct 26 2024	Oct 26 2024
Halloween		Oct 31 2021	Oct 31 2021
Samhain	Major Faith Day	Oct 31 2024	Oct 31 2024
Samhain	This day celebrates the Celtic New Year. The dying God returns to the womb of the Goddess in preparation for rebirth at Yule. The souls of those who have died during the turning of the past years wheel are bid farewell. It also marks the third and final harvest. Vegan Wiccans harvest nuts, the kernels of which are symbols of wisdom. As the veil between the physical and spiritual worlds is thinnest at this time, ancestors can join the celebrations. Religious accommodation for special worship may be required for this observance/holy day.	Oct 31 2022	Oct 31 2022
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Albanian Heritage Month	By proclaiming the month of November as Albanian Heritage Month, the Province of Ontario recognizes the meaningful contributions immigrants have made in building Ontario's communities and the social, economic, political and cultural achievements of Albanian-Canadians throughout the province. Albanian Heritage Month is an opportunity to remember, celebrate and educate future generations about Ontario's rich history.	Nov 01 2010	Nov 01 2010
Hindu Heritage Month	By proclaiming the month of November as Hindu Heritage Month, the Province of Ontario recognizes the important contributions that Hindu Canadians have made to Ontario's social, economic, political and cultural fabric. Hindu Heritage Month is an opportunity to remember, celebrate and educate future generations about Hindu Canadians and the important role that they have played and continue to play in communities across Ontario.	Nov 01 2010	Nov 01 2010
Hunting Moon (local Oneida)	Following the harvest ceremony, hunters participated in the Standing Quiver Dance before being given instructions and being sent out to hunt for up to 3 months. They were to return with meat before mid-winter. Each hunter was counted as they left the community and again upon return. It was considered to be good luck if they all returned. Men with pregnant wives did not hunt as it was believed that killing an animal could lead to harm to the unborn child. When Creator created animals, he gave them the mindset that their purpose was to be food for the people. That is why deer only eat food that will in turn nourish people... as told by Oneida of the Thames Elders.	Nov 01 2021	Nov 01 2021
All Saints Day	Major Faith Day	Nov 01 2021	Nov 01 2021
Indigenous Disabilities Awareness Month	November is Indigenous Disabilities Awareness Month. It is a time to raise awareness of the often unique issues and circumstances faced by the Indigenous population of Canada who live with disabilities, while recognizing the valuable contribution they bring to our communities on a daily basis.	Nov 01 2021	Nov 01 2021
Lebanese Heritage Month	November is Lebanese Heritage Month in Ontario. It is a time to recognize the meaningful contributions Lebanese Canadians have made to Ontario's social, economic, political and cultural fabric and to remember, celebrate and educate future generations about Lebanese Canadians and their continuing role in helping to foster growth, prosperity and innovation throughout Ontario.	Nov 01 2022	Nov 01 2022
Holocaust Education Week	Holocaust Education Week has been observed since 1982. It is an internationally recognized week honouring the survivors of the Holocaust.	Nov 01 2024	Nov 01 2024
Diwali	Major Faith Day	Nov 01 2024	Nov 01 2024
Mahavira Nirvana	Major Faith Day	Nov 01 2024	Nov 01 2024
Bandhi Chhor Divas	Major Faith Day	Nov 01 2024	Nov 01 2024
All Saints Day (W)	A day to honour Christian saints throughout the ages. Holy Day of Obligation for Roman Catholics.	Nov 01 2022	Nov 01 2022
Diwali (Hindu, Jain and Sikh celebration)	A very popular festival known as the Festival of Lights, Diwali (Deepavali) is dedicated to the Goddesses Kali in Bengal and Lakshmi (the Goddess of Wealth) in the rest of India. Diwali is associated with a story about the destruction of evil by Lord Vishnu in one of his many manifestations. Religious accommodation for special worship may be required for this observance/holy day.	Nov 01 2024	Nov 01 2024

Bandhi Chhor Divas	Bandhi Chhor Divas means 'The day of the prisoner's release.' It commemorates the return of the sixth Guru, Guru Hargobind Ji, to the holy city of Amritsar after his release from detention. Since he was released on the day of Diwali (the 'Festival of Lights'), Sikhs in Amritsar illuminate the city. Religious accommodation for special worship may be required for this observance/holy day.	Nov 01 2024	Nov 01 2024
Mahavira Nirvana	On this day (falling on Diwali), Mahavira (6th century BCE), the 24th Tirthankara, attained nirvana and release from the cycle of rebirth (moksha). Religious accommodation for special worship may be required for this observance/holy day.	Nov 01 2024	Nov 01 2024
New Moon	(12:49 UTC) The Moon will located on the same side of the Earth as the Sun and will not be visible in the night sky. This is the best time of the month to observe faint objects such as galaxies and star clusters because there is no moonlight to interfere. (Sea and Sky)	Nov 01 2024	Nov 01 2024
Día de los Muertos (Day of the Dead)		Nov 02 2022	Nov 02 2022
Birth of The Báb	Major Faith Day	Nov 02 2024	Nov 02 2024
Vikram New Year (2081)	Gujaratis, as the people of Gujarat province are normally known as, celebrate the day after Diwali as their New Year. It is believed to be the day when Lord Krishna of Hindu mythology worshipped the Govardhan Parbat to save people of Vraja from the wrath of Lord Indra, who vowed to drown the small village from heavy rain.	Nov 02 2024	Nov 02 2024
Jain New Year & Day of Enlightenment	New Year Day & Day of Enlightenment of Lord Gautamswami: The Jain New Year begins the day after Diwali and is an occasion exemplified by joyful gatherings of Jains. The Jains begin the new year with a glorification of Lord Gautam Swami; and listen with devotion to the nine Stotras holy hymns and to the auspicious Rasa (epical poem) of Gautam Swami from their Guru Maharaj. Vikram Samvat 2081 begins.	Nov 02 2024	Nov 02 2024
Birth of The Báb	The birth anniversary of The Báb (Herald of the new age for Bahá'ís). His shrine is at the Bahá'í- World Centre, Haifa, Israel. Religious accommodation for special worship may be required for this observance/holy day.	Nov 02 2024	Nov 02 2024
Treaties Recognition Week	Treaties Recognition Week (first full week of November) honours the importance of treaties and helps students and residents of Ontario learn more about treaty rights and relationships. For more information, please visit https://www.ontario.ca/page/treaties	Nov 03 2024	Nov 03 2024
The Birth of Bahá'u'lláh	Major Faith Day	Nov 03 2024	Nov 03 2024
The Birth of Bahá'u'lláh	The anniversary of the Birth of Bahá'u'lláh the founder of the Bahá'í faith. Bahá'í-s suspend work on this day. Religious accommodation for special worship may be required for this observance/holy day.	Nov 03 2024	Nov 03 2024
Qudrat	Qudrat (Power) is the 13th month of the Bahá'í year.	Nov 03 2024	Nov 03 2024
Daylight Saving Time ends (USA, Canada)	Daylight Saving Time begins on the second Sunday in March and ends on the first Sunday in November. Ends at 2:00 a.m.	Nov 03 2024	Nov 03 2024
Jnana Panchmi	Some Jains celebrate Jnana Panchmi (Day of Knowledge or Transcendent Wisdom) by fasting for 36 hours. Others perform rituals and pray for right knowledge.	Nov 06 2024	Nov 06 2024
International Inuit Day	International Inuit Day is a day to celebrate the significant contributions of Inuit in Canada.	Nov 07 2022	Nov 07 2022
National Indigenous Veterans Day	National Indigenous Veterans Day is a day to honour the important contributions of Indigenous Peoples in service to Canada and to remember those who lost their lives, and those whose lives were forever changed.	Nov 08 2022	Nov 08 2022
Remembrance Day	A Day to remember those who sacrificed their lives in times of war, especially the First World War and subsequent conflicts. Inspired by the poem In Flanders Fields, Canadians wear red poppies on this Day. Public holiday in parts of Canada.	Nov 11 2010	Nov 11 2010
World Kindness Day (Int)	The purpose of World Kindness Day is to look beyond our differences and realize we are citizens of the world. WKD kickstarts World Kindness Week (until Nov 20).	Nov 13 2010	Nov 13 2010
Birth date of Guru Nanak Dev Ji	Major Faith Day	Nov 15 2024	Nov 15 2024
Kathina ends	October 17 - November 15: During the month after the rainy season retreat, lay people may offer the Kathina-robe as part of the general alms-giving ceremony.	Nov 15 2024	Nov 15 2024
Dev Diwali	Dev Diwali is regarded as the kalyanaks of many of the Tirthankaras or Pathfinders. There are five Kalyanaks - conception, birth, diksha (ordainment), enlightenment and moksha. Tirthankaras include: Shkrimadji; Lokanshah (founder of non-idol worshiper group called Shnakvasi of the Swetamber sect); and, Hemchandracharya (Jain Scholar). Dev Diwali marks the end of the Diwali celebrations and the end of the four month monsoon season (Chaturmas). It is also considered to be an auspicious time for pilgrimage to the sacred sites associated with the Jain religion.	Nov 15 2024	Nov 15 2024
Birth date of Guru Nanak Dev Ji	Founder of the Sikh faith and first of the Ten Gurus, Guru Nanak Dev Ji was born in 1469 CE. He was an accomplished poet; 974 of his hymns are contained in the Sikh Scriptures, the Sri Guru Granth Sahib Ji. Religious accommodation for special worship may be required for this observance/holy day.	Nov 15 2024	Nov 15 2024
Chaturmas ends	A holy period of approx. four months (July / Aug / Oct / Nov) where devotees observe some form of vow. Chaturmas is reserved for penance, fasting, and other religious observances.	Nov 15 2024	Nov 15 2024
Birth date of Shrimad Rajchandra	Shrimad Rajchandra was a prominent Jain philosopher and scholar (born in 1867).	Nov 15 2024	Nov 15 2024
Full Moon (Supermoon)	(21:30 UTC) This full moon was known by early First Nations peoples / Native American tribes as the Beaver Moon because this was the time of year to set the beaver traps before the swamps and rivers froze. It has also been known as the Frosty Moon and the Dark Moon. This is also the last of three supermoons for 2024. The Moon will be near its closest approach to the Earth and may look slightly larger and brighter than usual. (Sea and Sky)	Nov 15 2024	Nov 15 2024
Louis Riel Day	Louis Riel Day is a day to honour, remember and celebrate Louis Riel, the political and spiritual leader of the Métis people and a founder of confederation. It is also a day to celebrate Métis culture and the continuing progress that Métis people are making in fulfilling Riel's dream of Métis taking their rightful place within Confederation.	Nov 16 2022	Nov 16 2022
Int Day for Tolerance (UN)	Proclaimed in 1996 following the UN Year for Tolerance, this Day calls attention to the dangers of intolerance and to the benefits of intercultural and interreligious dialogue as steps toward a more tolerant and peaceful world.	Nov 16 2010	Nov 16 2010
International Restorative Justice Week	Nov 17 - 23: International Restorative Justice Week starts on the second Sunday in November. It is celebrated by a variety of groups and individuals in a growing number of nations. During the week, the participants are asked to pray and meditate on crime, its causes and its consequences to the individuals and the community.	Nov 17 2024	Nov 17 2024
International Men's Day	International Men's Day celebrates the positive value men bring to the world, their families, and communities, highlights positive role models, and raises awareness of men's well-being and mental health. One of the six pillars of International Men's Day is to improve gender relations and promote gender equality for men and women.	Nov 19 2024	Nov 19 2024

National Child Day	National Child Day is celebrated on November 20th each year. National Child Day has been celebrated across Canada since 1993 to commemorate the United Nations' adoption of two documents centered on children's rights: the United Nations Declaration of the Rights of the Child on November 20, 1959, and the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child on November 20, 1989.	Nov 20 2010	Nov 20 2010
Transgender Day of Remembrance	Transgender Day of Remembrance honours the memory of the transgender people whose lives were lost in acts of anti-transgender violence.	Nov 20 2021	Nov 20 2021
Universal Children's Day (UN)	A Day to reflect on and act for the welfare of children, particularly as enshrined in the Declaration of the Rights of the Child and the Convention on the Rights of the Child (1989). This Day was proclaimed in 1954 and national governments were encouraged to institute and observe their own Universal Children's Day.	Nov 20 2010	Nov 20 2010
Africa Industrialization Day (UN)	Originating in 1989, this is a Day to publicize the challenges of industrialization in Africa and to promote industrial development and market access in the African countries.	Nov 20 2010	Nov 20 2010
Qawl	Qawl (Speech) is the 14th month of the Bahá'í- year.	Nov 22 2024	Nov 22 2024
Holodomor Memorial Day	Holodomor Memorial Day (fourth Saturday in November) is recognized in Ontario to memorialize those who perished as victims of genocide by famine that occurred in Ukraine from 1932 to 1933.	Nov 23 2024	Nov 23 2024
Martyrdom of Guru Tegh Bahadur Ji	Major Faith Day	Nov 24 2024	Nov 24 2024
Tiantai/Tendai Memorial	Memorial Service for the founders of the Tiantai/Tendai Lineage.	Nov 24 2022	Nov 24 2022
Martyrdom of Guru Tegh Bahadur Ji	This day commemorates the martyrdom of Guru Tegh Bahadur Ji (1621-1675), the ninth of the Ten Sikh Gurus. He is remembered not only for his defence of the Sikh Faith, but also for willingly giving up his life for religious liberty for all faiths. Religious accommodation for special worship may be required for this observance/holy day.	Nov 24 2022	Nov 24 2022
16 Days of Activism Against Gender-Based Violence	The 16 Days of Activism against Gender-Based Violence is an annual international campaign to call out and speak up on gender-based violence and to renew our commitment to ending violence against women, girls, LGBTQ2 (Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer, Two Spirit), and gender diverse individuals.	Nov 25 2021	Dec 10 2021
Int Day for the Elim of Violence Against Women (UN)	A Day to raise public awareness of this pervasive violation of human rights, and to promote its elimination.	Nov 25 2010	Nov 25 2010
Day of the Covenant	This day celebrates the anniversary of the appointment of Abdu'l-Bahá, the son of Bahá'u'lláh, as the Centre of the Covenant. Bahá'ís do not suspend work on this day.	Nov 25 2024	Nov 25 2024
Ascension of `Abdu'l-Bahá	The Ascension of `Abdu'l-Bahá, son of Bahá'u'lláh, commemorates His passing. Bahá'ís observe the Holy Day of the Ascension of `Abdu'l-Bahá at 1:00 am, about the time of His ascension. Bahá'ís do not suspend work on this day.	Nov 27 2024	Nov 27 2024
DECEMBER			
Long Nights Moon (local Oneida)	A long time ago, when the Hunters returned to the community in winter, they brought back stories of the hunt as well as meat. They went to different homes in the community and shared stories as well as food such as corn soup, meat, onions and potatoes. Stories were told at this time of the year because there was too much work to be done at planting and harvesting times... as told by Oneida of the Thames Elders.	Dec 01 2021	Dec 01 2021
First Sunday of Advent (W)	Major Faith Day	Dec 01 2024	Dec 01 2024
First Sunday of Advent (W)	Advent is the period of preparation for Christmas. The three faith-filled people who help Christians in their journey through Advent are the Prophet Isaiah who foretold the coming of the Messiah; John the Baptist who was his immediate forerunner; and, Mary the Mother of Jesus who carried the Savior of the world and expectantly awaited his birth. (Western Churches)	Dec 01 2024	Dec 01 2024
New Moon	(06:22 UTC) The Moon will located on the same side of the Earth as the Sun and will not be visible in the night sky. This is the best time of the month to observe faint objects such as galaxies and star clusters because there is no moonlight to interfere. (Sea and Sky)	Dec 01 2024	Dec 01 2024
Int Day for the Abolition of Slavery (UN)	The focus of this day is on eradicating contemporary forms of slavery, such as trafficking in persons, sexual exploitation, the worst forms of child labour, forced marriage, and the forced recruitment of children for use in armed conflict.	Dec 02 2010	Dec 02 2010
Int Day of Persons with Disabilities (UN)	Ten percent of the world's population live with disabilities. In 2008 the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities was created to persuade member countries to seek 'dignity and justice for all' (Declaration of Human Rights), including those with disabilities who are often marginalized. This Day is 'a time to make a renewed commitment to these principles of dignity and justice and to ensure implementation of the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities.	Dec 03 2010	Dec 03 2010
Int Volunteer Day (UN)	This Day recognizes the contributions of volunteers to economic and social development at local, national, and international levels, and encourages further volunteerism.	Dec 05 2010	Dec 05 2010
National Day of Remembrance and Action on Violence Against Women (Canada)	The National Day of Remembrance and Action on Violence Against Women is commemorated in Canada each December 6, the anniversary of the 1989 Ecole Polytechnique Massacre, in which 14 women were singled out for their gender and murdered.	Dec 06 2021	Dec 06 2021
Pansexual Pride Day	Pansexual Pride Day celebrates the strides taken by the pansexual and panromantic community to be accepted and understood.	Dec 08 2024	Dec 08 2024
Bodhi / R?hatsu (Awakening) Day	Major Faith Day	Dec 08 2024	Dec 08 2024
Bodhi / R?hatsu (Awakening) Day	Anniversary of the historical Buddhas awakening. R?hatsu is Japanese and literally means 8th Day of the 12th Month.	Dec 08 2022	Dec 08 2022
International Day of Commemoration and Dignity of the Victims of the Crime of Genocide	The International Day of Commemoration and Dignity of the Victims of the Crime of Genocide and the Prevention of this Crime is recognized by the United Nations.	Dec 09 2021	Dec 09 2021
Int Anti-Corruption Day (UN)	Proclaimed in 2003, this is a Day to raise awareness of corruption and of the role of the United Nations Convention against Corruption in combating and preventing it.	Dec 09 2010	Dec 09 2010
Human Rights Day (UN)	A Day to remind people and governments of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights (1948) and of our responsibility to respect and uphold its contents.	Dec 10 2010	Dec 10 2010
Masá'il	Masá'il (Questions) is the 15th month of the Bahá'í- year.	Dec 11 2024	Dec 11 2024
Maunajiyaras	(Day of Fasting with Vow of Silence) This is a day of fasting, silence and meditation on the five holy beings: monks, teachers, religious leaders, Arihants (Jinas, enlightened masters) and Siddhas (liberated souls).	Dec 11 2024	Dec 11 2024
Salgirah Khushali		Dec 13 2022	Dec 13 2022
Sanghamitta Day	Anniversary of the arrival of Sanghamitta, daughter of King Asoka, who started the Order of Nuns in Sri Lanka and brought a branch of the Bodhi Tree (which still survives in the ancient capital of Anuradhapura). (Therav?da) (Sri Lanka)	Dec 15 2024	Dec 15 2024

Full Moon	(09:03 UTC) This full moon was known by early First Nations peoples / Native American tribes as the Cold Moon because this is the time of year when the cold winter air settles in and the nights become long and dark. This moon has also been known as the Long Nights Moon and the Moon Before Yule. (Sea and Sky)	Dec 15 2024	Dec 15 2024
Int Migrants Day (UN)	Proclaimed in 2000 on the 10th anniversary of the International Convention on the Protection of the Rights of Migrant Workers and Members of their Families, this is a Day to call attention to the increasing number of migrants in the world, to focus on their 'human rights and fundamental freedoms,' and 'to share experiences and designs for the protection of migrants.'	Dec 18 2010	Dec 18 2010
Yule	Major Faith Day	Dec 21 2024	Dec 21 2024
Tohji-taisai	The Grand Ceremony of the December (Winter) Solstice celebrates the joy of the ending of the yin period of the sun, when it declines in strength, and the beginning of its growing power or yang period. The sun is of central importance in Japan, expressing the presence of Amaterasu Omikami, the Kami of the Sun.	Dec 21 2024	Dec 21 2024
Yule	This day, which marks the New Year in the Anglo-Saxon and northern traditions of Wicca, is the celebration of the birth of the God as the Winter-born King, symbolized by the rebirth of the life-generating and life-sustaining sun. It is a time for ritually shedding the impurities of the past year, and for contemplating avenues of spiritual development in the year ahead. Religious accommodation for special worship may be required for this observance/holy day.	Dec 21 2024	Dec 21 2024
December Solstice	The December solstice occurs at 09:17 UTC. This is the first day of winter (winter solstice) in the northern hemisphere and the first day of summer (summer solstice) in the southern hemisphere. (Sea and Sky)	Dec 21 2024	Dec 21 2024
Christmas (W)	Major faith day	Dec 25 2020	Dec 25 2020
Christmas (W, E - New Calendar)	Christmas celebrates the anniversary of the birth of Jesus. Religious accommodation for special worship may be required for this observance/holy day.	Dec 25 2022	Dec 25 2022
Eve of Chanukkah	Begins at sundown.	Dec 25 2024	Dec 25 2024
Boxing Day (Canada, UK)	The name of this holiday probably derives from older practices of giving boxes of gifts to servants and employees in the United Kingdom. It is observed in Australia, Canada, New Zealand, the United Kingdom and some other Commonwealth nations. Boxing Day is a bank or public holiday that occurs on 26 December, or the first or second weekday after Christmas Day, depending on national or regional laws. Among Canada's provinces, it is a statutory holiday only in Ontario. Also, many Canadian employers observe Boxing Day as a paid day off for employees.	Dec 26 2021	Dec 26 2021
Kwanzaa	Kwanzaa (December 26 - January 1) is celebrated by many North Americans of West African descent in recognition of their African heritage. The candles of a seven-branched candelabrum representing attributes such as unity, self-determination, responsibility, cooperative economics, purpose, creativity and faith, are successively lit over the seven days of the festival.	Dec 26 2020	Dec 26 2020
Anniversary of the Death of Prophet Zarathustra	Major Faith Day	Dec 26 2024	Dec 26 2024
First Day of Chanukkah	Major Faith Day	Dec 26 2024	Dec 26 2024
Anniversary of the Death of Prophet Zarathustra	The anniversary of the death of Zarathustra (Zoroaster), the founder of the Zoroastrian faith. His dates are uncertain: the ancient Greeks dated him at ca. 6000 BCE. Modern scholarship suggests he lived in the second millennium BCE. Some of his hymns, known as Gathas, are preserved in the Zoroastrian scriptures. Religious accommodation for special worship may be required for this observance/holy day.	Dec 26 2022	Dec 26 2022
First Day of Chanukkah	Chanukkah (December 26 - January 2), the Festival of Lights (and Feast of Dedication), commemorates the victory of Judah the Maccabee, religious freedom, and the rededication of the Holy Temple in 165 BCE. (Suspension of work is not required.)	Dec 26 2024	Dec 26 2024
Sharaf	Sharaf (Honour) is the 16th month of the Bahá'í- year.	Dec 30 2024	Dec 30 2024
New Moon	(22:28 UTC) The Moon will located on the same side of the Earth as the Sun and will not be visible in the night sky. This is the best time of the month to observe faint objects such as galaxies and star clusters because there is no moonlight to interfere. (Sea and Sky)	Dec 30 2024	Dec 30 2024
Ghambar Mailyarem begins	This period (December 31 - January 4) celebrates the creation of animals. It is also the time for equitable sharing of food.	Dec 31 2022	Dec 31 2022