

Religious Observances Calendar

❶ Students of this religious tradition are likely to request time off from class for all or some of this observance

❷ The date for this Holy Day/Feast does not change annually

❖ Ignatius of Loyola was the Founder of the Society of Jesus & the Patron of Loyola University Chicago

☉ Jewish observances begin at sundown

★ Observe on certain days

Date	Name of Holy Day/Feast	Religious Tradition	Notes
July 31	Feast of St. Ignatius of Loyola	Catholicism ❖	❷
August 5	Arba'een	Islam	❶
August 13-14	Krishna Janmashtami	Hinduism	
August 15	Assumption of Mary	Catholicism	❷
September 11-13	Rosh Hashanah	Judaism ☉	❶
September 14	Fast of Gedaliah	Judaism	
September 20-21	Yom Kippur	Judaism ☉	❶
September 25-October 2	Sukkot	Judaism ☉ ★	❶
October 2-3	Shemini Atzeret	Judaism ☉	❶
October 3-4	Simchat Torah	Judaism ☉	❶
October 11-19	Navratri	Hinduism ★	❶
October 16-21	Durga Puja	Hinduism	
October 20	Dussehra	Hinduism	
November 1	All Saints Day	Catholicism	❷
November 2	All Souls Day	Catholicism	❷
November 8	Diwali	Hinduism / Sikhism	❶
November 10	Birth of the Bab	Baha'i	
November 11	Birth of the Baha'u'llah	Baha'i	
November 23	Niinamesai	Shinto	❷
November 24	Guru Nanak Dev Sahib's Birthday	Sikhism	
November 24	Guru Tegh Bahadur's Martyrdom	Sikhism	❷
November 27-28	Ascension of Abdu'l-Baha	Baha'i	
November 29	First Sunday of Advent	Catholicism/Christian	
December 4-12	Chanukah	Judaism ☉	

December 8	Feast of the Immaculate Conception	Catholicism		
December 20	Tenth of Tevet	Judaism		
December 25	Christmas	Catholicism/Christian	①	②
January 1	Solemnity of Mary	Catholicism		
January 1	Gantan-sai	Shinto		
January 6	Epiphany	Catholicism/Christian		
January 17	World Religion Day	Baha'i		
January 22	Mahayana New Year	Buddhism		
January 22-23	Tu B'Shevat	Judaism	◎	
February 7-9	Ramadan Starts	Islam		
February 10	Ash Wednesday	Catholicism/Christian		
February 11	Vasant Panchami	Hinduism		
February 15	Nirvana Day	Buddhist & Jain		
February 20	Magha Puja Day	Buddhism		
March 2-20	The Nineteen Day Fast	Baha'i		
March 6	Maha Shivaratri	Hinduism		
March 8-9	Ramadan Ends	Islam		
March 9-10	Eid al-Fitr	Islam	①	
March 21	Naw-Rúz	Baha'i		
March 21	Palm Sunday	Catholicism/Christian		
March 22	Fast of Esther	Judaism		
March 22	Holi	Hinduism		
March 23	Purim	Judaism	◎	
March 23-25	Hola Mohalla	Sikhism		
March 25	Holy Thursday	Catholicism/Christian		
March 26	Good Friday	Catholicism/Christian		
March 28	Easter	Catholicism/Christian		
April 6-15	Ramayana	Hinduism		
April 13	Theravadin New Year	Buddhism		
April 14	Baisakhi New Year (Vaisakhi)	Sikhism		
April 15	Rama Navami	Hinduism		
April 19	Sri Mahavir Jayanti	Jain		
April 21-29	Pesach (Passover)	Judaism	◎☆	①
April 21 - May 3	Ridvan	Baha'i		

May 2	Orthodox Easter	Orthodox Christian	
May 3-4	Yom HaShoah	Judaism	☉
May 9	Akshaya Tertiya	Jain	
May 10-11	Yom HaZikaron	Judaism	☉
May 11-12	Yom Ha'atzmaut	Judaism	☉
May 16-17	Eid al-Adha	Islam	①
May 20	Vesak	Buddhism	
May 22	Declaration of the Bab	Baha'i	
May 27	Ascension of Baha'u'llah	Baha'i	
June 6-7	Muharram	Islam	①
June 10-12	Shavuot	Judaism	☉ ☆ ①
June 16-17	Ashura	Islam	①
July 2	Shiva Asar B'Tammuz	Judaism	
July 10	Martyrdom of the Bab	Baha'i	
July 19	Asalha Puja Day	Buddhism	①
July 25-26	Arba'een	Islam	①
July 31	Feast of St. Ignatius of Loyola	Catholicism	❖ ②
August 11-12	Tisha B'Av	Judaism	☉