

# Religious Observances Calendar

- ① Students of this religious tradition are likely to request time off from class for all or some of this observance
- ② 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 7- August 5	Muharram	Islam	①
July 16-17	Ashura	Islam	①
July 31	Feast of St. Ignatius of Loyola	Catholicism	❖ ②
August 12-13	Tisha B'Av	Judaism	
August 15	Assumption of Mary	Catholicism	②
August 25-26	Arba'een	Islam	①
August 26-27	Krishna Janmashtami	Hinduism	
October 2-4	Rosh Hashanah	Judaism	⊙ ①
October 3-12	Navratri	Hinduism	★ ①
October 6	Fast of Gedaliah	Judaism	⊙
October 9-13	Durga Puja	Hinduism	
October 11-12	Yom Kippur	Judaism	⊙ ①
October 12	Dussehra	Hinduism	
October 16-23	Sukkot	Judaism	⊙ ①
October 23-24	Shemini Atzeret	Judaism	⊙ ①
October 24-25	Simchat Torah	Judaism	⊙ ①
November 1	Diwali	Hinduism / Sikhism	①
November 1	All Saints Day	Catholicism	②
November 2	All Souls Day	Catholicism	②
November 2	Birth of the Bab	Baha'i	
November 3	Birth of the Baha'u'llah	Baha'i	
November 15	Guru Nanak Dev Sahib's Birthday	Sikhism	

November 15	Shichigosan	Shinto		2
November 23	Niinamesai	Shinto		2
November 24	Guru Tegh Bahadur's Martyrdom	Sikhism		2
November 27	Ascension of Abdu'l-Baha	Baha'i		
December 1	First Sunday of Advent	Catholicism/Christian		
December 9	Feast of the Immaculate Conception	Catholicism		1
December 25	Christmas	Catholicism/Christian		1 2
December 25- January 2	Chanukah	Judaism	⊙	
January 1	Solemnity of Mary	Catholicism		1
January 1	Gantan-sai	Shinto		
January 5	Epiphany	Catholicism/Christian		
January 10	Tenth of Tevet	Judaism	⊙	
January 14	Mahayana New Year	Buddhism		
January 19	World Religion Day	Baha'i		
February 2	Vasant Panchami	Hinduism		
February 3	Setsubun	Shinto		
February 13	Tu B'Shevat	Judaism	⊙	
February 13	Magha Puja Day	Buddhism		
February 15	Nirvana Day	Buddhist & Jain		
February 26	Maha Shivaratri	Hinduism		
March 1-19	The Nineteen Day Fast	Baha'i		
February 28-March 2nd	Ramadan Starts	Islam		
March 5	Ash Wednesday	Catholicism/Christian		
March 13	Fast of Esther	Judaism	⊙	
March 14	Holi	Hinduism		
March 14	Hola Mohalla	Sikhism		
March 14	Purim	Judaism	⊙	
March 20	Naw-Rúz	Baha'i		
March 30	Ramadan Ends	Islam		
March 27-30	Eid al-Fitr	Islam		
March 30 - April 6	Ramayana	Hinduism		
April 6	Rama Navami	Hinduism		

April 10	Sri Mahavir Jayanti	Jain		
April 12-20	Pesach (Passover)	Judaism	☉★	①
April 13	Theravadin New Year	Buddhism		
April 13	Palm Sunday	Catholicism/Christian		
April 14	Baisakhi New Year (Vaisakhi)	Sikhism		
April 17	Holy Thursday	Catholicism/Christian		
April 18	Good Friday	Catholicism/Christian		
April 20	Easter	Catholicism/Christian		
April 20 - May 1	Ridvan	Baha'i		
April 23-24	Yom HaShoah	Judaism	☉	
April 29-30	Yom HaZikaron	Judaism	☉	
April 30	Akshaya Tritiya	Jain		
April 30-May 1	Yom Ha'atzmaut	Judaism	☉	
May 12	Vesak	Buddhism		
May 23	Declaration of the Bab	Baha'i		
May 28-29	Ascension of Baha'u'llah	Baha'i		
June 1-3	Shavuot	Judaism	☉★	①
June 5-7	Eid al-Adha	Islam		①
July 9	Martyrdom of the Bab	Baha'i		
July 10	Asalha Puja Day	Buddhism		①