# Religious Holy Days 2023-2024

Below are many of the religious holidays observed by members of the Washington University in St. Louis community. For more information about the holidays, see [https://students.wustl.edu/religious-celebration-calendar/](https://students.wustl.edu/religious-celebration-calendar/). Please note that individual practices may vary.

## Fall 2023

**August 15th:** Feast of the Assumption of Mary (Catholic Christianity)

**August 30:** Raksha Bandhan (Hinduism)

**September 6-7:** Krishna Janmashtami (Hinduism) *Fasting*

**September 16-17:** Rosh Hashanah (Judaism) *Begins sundown Sept. 15, work restriction sundown Sept. 15 through Sept. 17.*

**September 18:** Tzom Gedaliah (Judaism) *Minor fasting*

**September 19:** Ganesh Chaturthi / Vinayaka Chaturthi (Hinduism)

**September 20:** Paryushana Parva (Jainism) *Fasting*

**September 21-29:** Mabon (Pagan/Wiccan)

**September 25:** Yom Kippur (Judaism) *Begins sundown Sept. 24, fasting and work restriction start sundown Sept 24 and continue through Sept 25.*

**September 27:** Mawlid al-Nabi (Islam) *Begins sundown September 26*

**September 30-October 6:** Sukkot (Judaism) *Begins at sundown September 29, work restriction starts sundown September 29 and continues through first two days (September 30 – October 1)*

**October 7:** Shemini Atzeret (Judaism) *Begins at sundown October 6, work restriction starts sundown October 6 and continues through October 7*

**October 8:** Simchat Torah (Judaism) *Begins at sundown October 7, work restriction begins sundown October 7 and continues through October 8*

**October 15-24:** Navratri (Hinduism)

**October 16-17:** Twin Holy Days (Bahá’í Faith) *Work restriction *Begins sundown October 15*

**October 23:** Dussehra (Hinduism) *Work restriction*

**October 31:** Reformation Day (Protestant Christianity)

**November 1:** All Saints’ Day (Christianity)

**November 1:** Samhain (Wiccan, Pagan) *Begins sundown on October 31*

**November 2:** All Souls’ Day (Christianity)

**November 12:** Diwali (Hinduism, Jainism, Sikhism) *Work restriction*

**November 26:** Day of the Covenant (Bahá’í) *Begins sundown Nov. 25*

**November 27:** Guru Nanak Jayanti (Sikh)

**December. 8:** Feast of the Immaculate Conception of Mary (Catholic Christianity)

**December 8:** Bodhi Day (Buddhism)

**December 8-15:** Hanukkah (Judaism) *Begins at sundown December 7*

**December 12:** Our Lady of Guadalupe (Catholic Christianity)

**December 21:** Yule (Pagan/Wiccan)

**December 22:** Asara B’Tevet (Judaism) *Minor fasting*

**December 25:** Christmas (Christianity)

**December 26:** Zarathosht Diso (Zoroastrian)
Spring 2024

January 1: Oshogatsu (Shinto)
January 1: Feast of Mary Mother of God (Catholic Christianity)
January 6: Epiphany (Christian)
January 7: Christmas (Orthodox Christianity)
January 15: Makar Sankranti (Hinduism)
January 17: Birth of Guru Gobind Singh (Sikh)
February 2: Imbolc (Pagan/Wiccan) *Begins sundown of Feb 1
February 7: Lailat al-Miraj (Islam) *Begins at sundown on February 6
February 10: Lunar New Year (Confucianism, Taoism, Buddhism)
February 14: Ash Wednesday (Christianity) *Fasting
February 14: Vasant Panchami (Hinduism)
February 24: Magha Puja Day (Buddhism)
March 2-20: Nineteen Day Fast (Bahá’í Faith) *Fasting
March 8: Maha Shivrathri (Hinduism) *Fasting
March 11 – April 9: Ramadan (Islam) *Begins evening of March 10, fasting dawn until sundown
March 18: Clean Monday/Ash Monday (Orthodox Christianity)
March 21: Nowruz (Zoroastrianism, Bahá’í Faith, etc.) *Begins in the evening of March 20
March 21: Ta’anit Esther (Judaism) *Minor fasting when sun up
March 24: Palm Sunday (Christianity)
March 24: Purim (Judaism) *Begins sundown March 23
March 24-30: Holy Week (Christianity)
March 25: Holi (Hinduism) *Fasting
March 28: Holy Thursday (Christianity)
March 29: Good Friday (Christianity) *Fasting
March 31: Easter (Christianity)
April 8: Buddha’s Birthday (Buddhism) *Regional dates may vary
April 10: Eid al-Fitr (Islam) *Begins evening of April 9
April 13: Vaisakhi (Sikhism)
April 21: Mahavir Jayanti (Jainism)
April 21– May 2: Ridvan (Bahá’í Faith) *Begins evening of April 20, Work restrictions April 20 sundown - April 21 sundown, April 28 sundown - April 29 sundown, and May 1 sundown - May 2 sundown
April 22: Ta’anit Bechorot (Judaism) *Fasting
April 28: Palm Sunday (Orthodox Christianity)
April 28-May 4: Holy Week (Orthodox Christianity)
May 1: Beltane (Wicca, Paganism) *Begins at sundown April 30
May 2: Holy Thursday (Orthodox Christianity)
May 3: Good Friday (Orthodox Christianity) *Fasting
May 5: Easter (Orthodox Christianity)
May 9: Ascension (Christianity)
May 24: Declaration of the Báb (Bahá’í Faith) *Begins evening of May 23, work restriction

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