

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/>.

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 23-30:** Passover (Judaism) **Begins sundown 4/22, food restrictions all days, Work restrictions 4/22 sundown-4/24 sundown & 4/28 sundown-4/30 sundown.*
- 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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