



## September 2021

- September 1**                      **GUR-GADDI GURU GRANTH SAHIB • Sikh**  
Since 1708, Sikhs have accepted Sri Guru Granth Sahib as their eternal Guru that holds the spirit of all Ten Gurus of the Sikhs. They consider Guru Granth Sahib to be a spiritual guide not only for Sikhs but for all of mankind; it plays a central role in guiding the Sikhs' way of life.
- September 5**                      **INTERNATIONAL DAY OF CHARITY**  
Recognizes the role of charity in alleviating human suffering, as well as of the efforts of charitable organizations and individuals, including the work of Mother Teresa.
- September 6**                      **LABOR DAY**  
Celebrated the first Monday in September in recognition of U.S. workers.
- September 7–8**                      **ROSH HASHANAH • Jewish**  
Beginning of the Jewish New Year and first of the High Holy Days, which marks the beginning of a ten-day period of penitence and spiritual renewal.
- September 8**                      **INTERNATIONAL LITERACY DAY**  
Call to action for universal literacy.
- September 10**                      **GANESH CHATURTHI • Hindu**  
Celebrates the birthday of Ganesha, the elephant-deity.
- September 15–**      Full Month      **NATIONAL HISPANIC HERITAGE MONTH**  
**October 15**                      Celebrates the contributions, heritage and culture of Hispanic and Latino Americans.
- September 16**                      **YOM KIPPUR • Jewish**  
The “Day of Atonement” marks the end of the Ten Days of Penitence that begin with Rosh Hashanah.
- September 17**                      **CONSTITUTION DAY AND CITIZENSHIP DAY**  
Commemorates the ratification of the United States Constitution in 1787. Also honors all who have become U.S. citizens.
- September 21–**                      **SUKKOT • Jewish**  
**27**                      The week-long “Feast of Booths” commemorates the 40-year wandering of the Israelites in the desert on the way to the Promised Land.
- September 22**                      **AUTUMNAL EQUINOX**  
Marks the first day of the season of fall. The sun shines nearly equally on both hemispheres when it’s fall in the Northern Hemisphere and simultaneously spring in the Southern Hemisphere.
- September 23**                      **BI VISIBILITY DAY**  
Seeks to draw attention to public policy concerns and foster respect for bi+ individuals and communities.
- September 28**                      **SHEMINI ATZERET • Jewish**  
“The Eighth (Day) of Assembly” is observed on the day immediately following Sukkot.

**September 29**

**SIMCHAT TORAH • Jewish**

“Rejoicing in the Torah” celebrates the conclusion of the public reading of the Pentateuch and its beginning anew.

## October 2021

<b>October</b>	Full month	<b>NATIONAL BULLYING PREVENTION MONTH</b> A campaign to unite communities nationwide to educate and raise awareness of bullying prevention.
<b>October</b>	Full Month	<b>NATIONAL DISABILITY EMPLOYMENT AWARENESS MONTH</b> Recognizes the contributions of workers with disabilities.
<b>October</b>	Full Month	<b>LGBT HISTORY MONTH</b> Marks and celebrates the lives and achievements of lesbian, gay bisexual and transgender people in the United States.
<b>October 2</b>		<b>INTERNATIONAL DAY OF NON-VIOLENCE</b> Marked on the birthday of Mahatma Gandhi, leader of the Indian independence movement and pioneer of the philosophy and strategy of non-violence, a U.N commemoration promoting the principle of non-violence and the desire to secure a culture of peace, tolerance and understanding.
<b>October 5</b>		<b>WORLD TEACHER'S DAY</b> Held annually to commemorate teacher organizations worldwide.
<b>October 6–14</b>		<b>NAVARATRI • Hindu</b> Nine-day festival celebrating the triumph of good over evil. It worships God in the form of the universal mother commonly referred to as Durga, Devi or Shakti, and marks the start of fall.
<b>October 11</b>		<b>COMING OUT DAY</b> Encourages honesty and openness about being lesbian, gay, bisexual or transgender. Commemorates October 11, 1987, when 500,000 people marched on Washington, DC, for gay and lesbian equality.
<b>October 11</b>		<b>INDIGENOUS PEOPLE'S DAY (Native American Day)</b> Celebrates and honors Native American history and culture. [The second Monday of October is also marked as a U.S. federal holiday, Columbus Day. Many people are opposed to the celebration of a man who led and committed atrocities against Indigenous people. Some states and cities in the U.S. have officially changed the day to Indigenous People's Day. Similarly, it is celebrated as <i>Día de la Raza</i> , "Day of the Race", in Spanish-speaking countries and communities.]
<b>October 15</b>		<b>DUSSEHRA/DASSERA • Hindu</b> Anniversary of the day when Rama killed the evil demon Ravana. Also known as <i>Durga Puja</i> , which celebrates the goddess Durga.
<b>October 17</b>		<b>INTERNATIONAL DAY FOR THE ERADICATION OF POVERTY</b> Call to action for the eradication of poverty and destitution worldwide.
<b>October 18</b>		<b>MAWLID AL-NABI (Also known as MILAD AL-NABI) • Islamic (Sunni)</b> The observance of the birthday of Islam founder Prophet Muhammad, which is celebrated in Rabi' al-awwal, the third month in the Islamic calendar. Shi'a Muslims celebrate it five days later than Sunni Muslims.

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- October 24**                    **UNITED NATIONS DAY**  
Commemorates the founding of the world organization in 1945.
- October 31**                    **HALLOWEEN**  
The eve of All Saints' Day.
- October 31**                    **REFORMATION DAY • Christian**  
Commemorates the beginning of the Protestant Reformation in 1517.

## November 2021

<b>November</b>	Full Month	<b>NATIONAL ADOPTION MONTH</b> Adoptees, birth families, adoptive families and adoption professionals reflect on, educate and celebrate adoption practices.
<b>November</b>	Full Month	<b>NATIONAL AMERICAN INDIAN HERITAGE MONTH</b> Celebrates and honors the history and culture of Native Americans and indigenous people in the United States.
<b>November 1</b>		<b>ALL SAINTS' DAY • Western Christian</b> Commemorates all known and unknown Christian saints. Eastern Christianity observes it on the first Sunday after Pentecost.
<b>November 2</b>		<b>ALL SOULS' DAY • Christian</b> Commemoration of all faithful Christians who are now dead. In Mexican tradition it is celebrated as <i>Día de los Muertos</i> between October 31 and November 2, and is an occasion to remember dead ancestors and celebrate the continuity of life.
<b>November 2</b>		<b>ELECTION DAY</b> A day set by U.S. law for the election of public officials.
<b>November 4</b>		<b>BANDI-CHHOR DIWAS • Sikh</b> A commemorative occasion having no fixed date which occurs in October or November and celebrates the release of the Sixth Guru Har Gobind Sahib from imprisonment and coincides with Diwali, the Hindu festival of lights.
<b>November 4</b>		<b>DIWALI • Hindu</b> Also called <i>Deepavali</i> , "Festival of Lights", it celebrates the victory of good over evil, light over darkness, and knowledge over ignorance.
<b>November 6</b>		<b>BIRTH OF THE BÁB • Bahá'í</b> Bahá'í observance of the anniversary of the birth in 1819 of Siyyid, "the Báb," the prophet-herald of the Bahá'í Faith, in Shíráz, Persia.
<b>November 7</b>		<b>BIRTH OF BAHÁ'U'LLÁH • Bahá'í</b> Observance of the anniversary of the birth in 1817 of Bahá'u'lláh, prophet-founder of the Bahá'í Faith, in Núr, Persia.
<b>November 9–10</b>		<b>KRISTALLNACHT</b> Commemorates the 1938 pogrom against Jews throughout Germany and Vienna.
<b>November 11</b>		<b>VETERANS' DAY</b> Honors military veterans and the U.S. Armed Services.
<b>November 15–19</b>		<b>AMERICAN EDUCATION WEEK</b> Celebrates public education and honors individuals who are making a difference in ensuring every child in the U. S. receives a quality education.



## December 2021

- December 1**                      **WORLD AIDS DAY**  
International day of action on HIV and AIDS.
- December 3**                      **INTERNATIONAL DAY OF PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES**  
Raises awareness about persons with disabilities in order to improve their lives and provide them with equal opportunity.
- December 8**                      **BODHI DAY • Buddhist**  
Also known as *Rohatsu*, commemorates the day that the Buddha, Siddharta Gautama, experienced enlightenment or spiritual awakening (bodhi). Celebrated on the eighth day either of December or the 12th month of the lunar calendar.
- December 10**                      **HUMAN RIGHTS DAY**  
On this day in 1948 the United Nations General Assembly adopted the Universal Declaration of Human Rights.
- December 12**                      **OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE • Christian**  
Celebrates the apparition of the Blessed Virgin Mary (by her title, Our Lady of Guadalupe, the Patroness of Mexico and the Americas) before Juan Diego, an indigenous convert to Roman Catholicism, on the Mexican hill of Tepeyac in 1531.
- December 15**                      **BILL OF RIGHTS DAY**  
Commemorates the signing into law of the ten original amendments of the United States Constitution in 1791.
- December 21**                      **WINTER SOLSTICE**  
Marks the first day of the season of winter. The length of time between sunrise and sunset is the shortest of the year with the sun shining closest to the Southern Hemisphere and the farthest from the Northern Hemisphere.
- December 24**                      **CHRISTMAS EVE • Christian**  
Celebration of the arrival of Mary and Joseph in Bethlehem for the birth of Jesus.
- December 25**                      **CHRISTMAS • Western Christian**  
Commemorates the birth of Jesus.
- December 26**  
**2021–January**  
**1, 2022**                              **KWANZAA**  
A seven-day celebration honoring African American heritage and its continued vitality. “Kwanzaa” means “first fruits (of the harvest)” in Swahili.
- December 29**                      **WOUNDED KNEE DAY**  
On December 29, 1890 more than 200 Lakota Sioux were massacred by U.S. troops at Wounded Knee in South Dakota.
- December 31**                      **NEW YEAR’S EVE**  
In the Gregorian calendar, New Year’s Eve, the last day of the year, is on December 31. In many countries, New Year’s Eve is celebrated at evening social gatherings, where many people dance, eat, drink. etc.





## February 2022

<b>February</b>	Full Month	<b>BLACK HISTORY MONTH</b> Celebrates Black History and African American culture in the United States.
<b>February 1</b>		<b>NATIONAL FREEDOM DAY</b> Commemorates the signing of the 13th Amendment, which abolished slavery in 1865.
<b>February 1</b>		<b>LUNAR NEW YEAR • Confucian, Daoist and Buddhist</b> Also known as the <i>Spring Festival</i> , an important festival celebrated at the turn of the traditional lunisolar Chinese calendar.
<b>February 14</b>		<b>VALENTINE'S DAY</b> Celebrates the idea of romantic love.
<b>February 15</b>		<b>NIRVANA DAY • Buddhist</b> Celebrates the day when the historical Buddha achieved Parinirvana, or complete Nirvana, upon the death of his physical body. Sometimes celebrated on February 8.
<b>February 15</b>		<b>SUSAN B. ANTHONY DAY</b> A commemorative holiday to celebrate the birth of Susan B. Anthony (1820–1906) and women's suffrage in the United States.
<b>February 16</b>		<b>MAGHA PUJA • Buddhist</b> Also known as <i>Sangha Day</i> , it commemorates the spontaneous assembly of 1,250 disciples, completely enlightened monks, in the historical Buddha's presence.
<b>February 20</b>		<b>WORLD DAY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE</b> U.N. day to recognize efforts to achieve fair outcomes for all through employment, social protection, social dialogue, and fundamental principles and rights at work.
<b>February 21</b>		<b>PRESIDENTS' DAY</b> Honors all past presidents of the United States of America.
<b>February 25– March 1</b>		<b>AYYÁM-I-HA OR INTERCALARY DAYS • Bahá'í</b> The Ayyám-i-ha, or "Days of Ha" are devoted to spiritual preparation for the fast, celebrating, hospitality, charity and gift giving. They are celebrated the four days, five in leap year, before the last month of the Bahá'í year by inserting days into the calendar in order to maintain their solar calendar.
<b>February 28</b>		<b>MAHA SHIVARATRI • Hindu</b> Also called <i>Shiva Ratri</i> , the Great Night of Shiva, is a festival in reverence of the god Shiva. The festival is celebrated at the 13 <sup>th</sup> night or 14 <sup>th</sup> day of the waning moon in the Hindu calendar (month of February or March of the English calendar).

## March 2022

<b>March</b>	Full Month	<b>NATIONAL WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH</b> Honors women as significant agents of historical change.
<b>March 1</b>		<b>SHROVE TUESDAY • Western Christian</b> A day of penitence as well as the last chance to feast before Lent begins. Also known as Mardi Gras, Fat Tuesday and Carnival Day as this day is observed in many ways worldwide.
<b>March 2</b>		<b>ASH WEDNESDAY • Western Christian</b> The first day of Lent for Western Christian churches, a 40-day period of spiritual preparation for Easter, not counting Sundays.
<b>March 2–20</b>		<b>NINETEEN-DAY FAST • Bahá'í</b> Baha'is between 15 and 70 years of age do not eat or drink from sunrise to sunset and set aside time for prayer and meditation.
<b>March 7</b>		<b>CLEAN MONDAY • Eastern Christian</b> The beginning of <i>Great Lent</i> for Eastern Christian churches, which starts 40 days before Orthodox Easter (Pascha), counting Sundays.
<b>March 8</b>		<b>INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY</b> Celebration of the economic, political and social achievements of women worldwide.
<b>March 17</b>		<b>PURIM • Jewish</b> The "Feast of Lots" marks the salvation of the Jews of ancient Persia from extermination.
<b>March 17</b>		<b>ST. PATRICK'S DAY • Christian</b> Feast day of the patron saint of Ireland. In the U.S., a secular version is celebrated by people of all faiths through appreciation of all things Irish.
<b>March 18</b>		<b>HOLI • Hindu</b> A spring festival in India and Nepal dedicated to the god of pleasure, also known as the festival of colours or the festival of sharing love.
<b>March 19</b>		<b>HOLA MOHALLA • Sikh</b> An annual event which is a martial arts parade historically coinciding with Holi, the Hindu festival of colors. Celebrations related to Holla Mohalla may be held in various locations over several weekends preceding the actual date of the holiday.
<b>March 20</b>		<b>VERNAL EQUINOX</b> Marks the first day of the season of spring. The sun shines nearly equally on both hemispheres when it's spring in the Northern Hemisphere and simultaneously fall in the Southern Hemisphere.
<b>March 21</b>		<b>INTERNATIONAL DAY FOR THE ELIMINATION OF RACIAL DISCRIMINATION</b> Call to action to eliminate all forms of racial discrimination worldwide.

**March 21**

**NOWRÚZ • Zoroastrian**

A traditional ancient Iranian festival celebrating the first day of Spring and the Iranian New Year. Also celebrated as New Year's Day in Baha'i tradition (Naw-Ruz). (This date may vary based on region or sect.)

**March 26**

**KHORDAD SAL • Zoroastrian**

The Zoroastrian celebration of the birth of Zoroaster, the founder of the Zoroastrianism religion. The holiday is specifically celebrated in India and Iran, immediately following the Persian new year, Nowrúz.

**March 31**

**CESAR CHAVEZ DAY**

Honors Mexican American farm worker, labor leader and activist Cesar Chavez (1927–1993) who was a nationally respected voice for social justice.

## April 2022

<b>April</b>	Full Month	<b>ARAB AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH</b> Celebrates the Arab American heritage and culture and pays tribute to the contributions of Arab Americans and Arabic-speaking Americans.
<b>April</b>	Full Month	<b>GENOCIDE AWARENESS MONTH</b> A month that marks important anniversaries for past and contemporary genocides. Throughout the month, individuals, communities and organizations join together to remember and honor victims and survivors of mass atrocities.
<b>April</b>	Full Month	<b>NATIONAL POETRY MONTH</b> Introduced in 1996 by the Academy of American Poets as a way to increase awareness and appreciation of poetry in the United States.
<b>April</b>		<b>DAY OF SILENCE</b> Students take a day-long vow of silence to protest the actual silencing of lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and queer/questioning (LGBTQ) students and their straight allies due to bias and harassment.
<b>April 3–May 2</b>		<b>RAMADAN • Islamic</b> Observed by Muslims worldwide as a month of fasting to commemorate the first revelation of the <i>Qur'an</i> to the Prophet Muhammad.
<b>April 10</b>		<b>PALM SUNDAY • Christian</b> Observed the Sunday before Easter/Pascha to commemorate the entry of Jesus into Jerusalem.
<b>April 10</b>		<b>RAMA NAVAMI • Hindu</b> Celebrates the birthday of Rama, king of ancient India, hero of the epic Ramayana, and seventh incarnation of Vishnu.
<b>April 14</b>		<b>VAISAKHI (also spelled Baisakhi) • Sikh</b> The festival which celebrates the founding of the Sikh community as the Khalsa (community of the initiated). On this day, Sikhs gather and celebrate Vaisakhi at their local Gurdwaras (Sikh house of worship) by remembering this day as the birth of the Khalsa.
<b>April 14</b>		<b>HOLY THURSDAY • Christian</b> Also known as <i>Maundy Thursday</i> , it is celebrated on the Thursday before Easter commemorating the Last Supper, at which Jesus and the Apostles were together for the last time before the Crucifixion.
<b>April 15</b>		<b>GOOD FRIDAY • Christian</b> Known as <i>Holy Friday</i> in Eastern Christianity, it commemorates the Crucifixion of Jesus on the Friday before Easter/Pascha.
<b>April 16</b>		<b>THERAVADA NEW YEAR • Buddhist</b> In Theravada countries the New Year is celebrated on the first full moon day in April.
<b>April 16–23</b>		<b>PASSOVER/PESACH • Jewish</b> The eight-day "Feast of Unleavened Bread" celebrates Israel's deliverance from Egyptian bondage.



## May 2022

<b>May</b>	Full Month	<b>ASIAN PACIFIC AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH (also known as Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month)</b> Recognizes the contributions and celebrates the culture of Asians and Pacific Islanders in the United States.
<b>May</b>	Full Month	<b>JEWISH AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH</b> Recognizes the history of Jewish contributions to American culture, acknowledging the diverse achievements of American Jews.
<b>May 1</b>		<b>INTERNATIONAL WORKER'S DAY</b> Also known as <i>May Day</i> , it celebrates the social and economic achievements of workers worldwide. The day commemorates the Haymarket Riot of 1886 in Chicago, in which police and protesters clashed following a workers' strike for an eight-hour work day.
<b>May 2</b>		<b>EID AL-FITR • Islamic</b> The "Feast of the Breaking of the Fast" marks the end of Ramadan, the holy month of fasting from dawn until dusk.
<b>May 3</b>		<b>WORLD PRESS FREEDOM DAY</b> Serves as an occasion to inform the public of violations of the right to freedom of expression and as a reminder that many journalists brave death or jail to bring people their daily news.
<b>May 5</b>		<b>CINCO DE MAYO</b> In 1862 Mexican forces defeated French occupational forces in the Battle of Puebla.
<b>May 8</b>		<b>MOTHER'S DAY</b> Children of all ages show appreciation for their mothers and mother figures.
<b>May 16</b>		<b>VISAKHA PUJA • Buddhist</b> Also known as <i>Vesak</i> or <i>Buddha Day</i> , it marks the birth, spiritual awakening and death (nirvana) of the historical Buddha. (This date may vary based on region or sect.)
<b>May 19</b>		<b>LAG B'OMER • Jewish</b> Celebrates the end of a divine-sent plague and/or Roman occupation during Rabbi Akiva's lifetime (died c. 135 CE).
<b>May 21</b>		<b>WORLD DAY FOR CULTURAL DIVERSITY</b> Recognizes cultural diversity as a source of innovation, exchange and creativity, as well as the obligation to create a more peaceful and equitable society based on mutual respect.
<b>May 23</b>		<b>DECLARATION OF THE BÁB • Bahá'í</b> Commemoration of May 23, 1844, when the Báb, the prophet-herald of the Bahá'í Faith, announced in Shíráz, Persia, that he was the herald of a new messenger of God.
<b>May 26</b>		<b>ASCENSION DAY • Christian</b> Also known as <i>Holy Thursday</i> , celebrated 40 days after Easter/Pascha, it commemorates the ascension of Jesus into Heaven.

**May 28**

**ASCENSION OF BAHÁ'U'LLÁH • Bahá'í**

Observance of the anniversary of the death in exile of Bahá'u'lláh, the prophet-founder of the Bahá'í Faith.

**May 30**

**MEMORIAL DAY**

A federal holiday in the United States for remembering the people who died while serving in the country's armed forces.



## June 2022

<b>June</b>	Full Month	<b>LGBTQ+ PRIDE MONTH</b> Commemorates the anniversary of the June 28, 1969 Stonewall riot in New York City, the incident that initiated the modern gay rights movement in the United States.
<b>June 5</b>		<b>PENTECOST • Christian</b> Also known as <i>Whitsunday</i> , the seventh Sunday after Easter/Pascha commemorates the descent of the Holy Spirit upon the Apostles and women followers of Jesus. Marks the birth of the Christian Church.
<b>June 5</b>		<b>WORLD ENVIRONMENT DAY (WED)</b> The United Nations' most important day for encouraging worldwide awareness and action for the protection of our environment.
<b>June 5–6</b>		<b>SHAVUOT • Jewish</b> The "Feast of Weeks" celebrates the covenant established at Sinai between God and Israel, and the revelation of the Ten Commandments.
<b>June 12</b>		<b>ANNE FRANK DAY</b> Birthday of young Jewish girl whose diary describes her family's experiences hiding from the Nazis through assistance of Gentile friends.
<b>June 12</b>		<b>LOVING DAY</b> Observes the anniversary of the 1967 United States Supreme Court decision <i>Loving v. Virginia</i> which struck down the miscegenation laws remaining in 16 states barring interracial marriage.
<b>June 12</b>		<b>ALL SAINTS' DAY • Eastern Christian</b> In Orthodox churches observed on the first Sunday after Pentecost, it commemorates all known and unknown Christian saints.
<b>June 12</b>		<b>RACE UNITY DAY • Bahá'í</b> Observance promoting racial harmony and understanding and the essential unity of humanity.
<b>June 14</b>		<b>FLAG DAY</b> Anniversary of the adoption of the United States flag by Congress in 1777.
<b>June 19</b>		<b>FATHER'S DAY</b> Children of all ages show appreciation for their fathers and father figures.
<b>June 19</b>		<b>JUNETEENTH</b> Originally commemorating the announcement of the abolition of slavery in Texas in 1865, it is now celebrated throughout the U.S. to honor African-American freedom and achievement.
<b>June 20</b>		<b>WORLD REFUGEE DAY</b> Raises awareness about the plight of refugees and displaced persons.