



2024 DIVERSITY CALENDAR



Date	Type of Occasion	Occasion Name	Description
January 1-31	Awareness Days	Alzheimer's Awareness Month	A month that encourages learning about dementia and its impact on Canadians.
January 1-31	Cultural Celebrations	Tamil Heritage Month	A month for Ontarians to recognize the valuable contributions that Tamil Canadians have made to Ontario's social, economic, political and cultural fabric.
January 1st	Religious and Spiritual	Feast of the Holy Name of Jesus - Christian	The feast of the Holy Name of Jesus has been celebrated in the Roman Catholic Church, at least at local levels, since the end of the fifteenth century. The celebration has been held on different dates, usually in January, because 1 January, eight days after Christmas, commemorates the naming of the child Jesus; as recounted in the Gospel read on that day, "at the end of eight days, when he was circumcised, he was called Jesus, the name given by the angel before he was conceived in the womb."
January 1	Cultural Celebrations	Candlemas - Presentation of Christ in the Temple - Christian	The first day of a new year. This date is commonly known as New Year's Day and is a statutory holiday in all Canadian provinces and territories, and organizations.
January 1	Religious and Spiritual	Imbolc (Candlemas) - Wicca/Neo Pagan	A Christian day to recognize and celebrate the History of the Solemnity of Mary, the Mother of God.
January 1	Religious and Spiritual	Saint Brigid of Kildare - Christian	According to some sources, Saint Basil died on January 1, and the Eastern Orthodox Church celebrates his feast day together with that of the Feast of the Circumcision on that day. The main attraction of the St. Basil's Feast, in typical Greek fashion, is the table. It is believed that the more abundant the table, the more abundant with good luck the family will be
January 1	Cultural Celebrations	St. Blaze Day - Christian	The Japanese New Year celebration is called shogatsu, and New Year's Day is called gantan. Japan has celebrated New Year's Day on 1 January since it adopted the Gregorian calendar in 1873. Before that, the country celebrated New Year based on the timing of lunar cycles.
January 2	Religious and Spiritual	Setsebun (beginning of spring) - Shinto	The feast day of St. Basil the Great who was born at Caesarea of Cappadocia in 330.
January 4	Awareness Days	St. Valentine's Day - Christian	A day to raise awareness of the importance of Braille as a means of communication in the full realization of the human rights for blind and partially sighted people.
January 4	Cultural Celebrations	Nirvana Day - Buddhism	A day celebrating the ribbon skirt traditionally worn by Indigenous women in Canada.
January 5th	Religious and Spiritual	Guru Gobind Singh birthday - Sikh	Guru Gobind Singh was the Tenth Guru of the Sikhs who initiated the Sikhs as the Khalsa (the pure ones) and is known as the Father of the Khalsa. The 'Khalsa' brotherhood initiated adopted the five 'K's: Kangha #wooden comb#, Kara #steel bracelets#, Kirpan #sword#, Kaccha #pair of shorts#, and Kesh #long hair#.
January 5th	Religious and Spiritual	Twelfth Night - Christian	Twelfth Night is a festival in some branches of Christianity marking the coming of the Epiphany.
January 6th	Religious and Spiritual	Epiphany - Christian	In the Western church, this day celebrates the journey of the three Wise Men to Bethlehem to offer gifts to the infant Jesus. In the Eastern Church it is associated with the baptism of Jesus by John the Baptist. On this day as well, the Armenians celebrate Christmas.
January 6th	Religious and Spiritual	Feast of the Epiphany (Theophany) - Christian	Epiphany, also Theophany, Little Christmas, or Three Kings' Day, is a Christian feast day that celebrates the revelation of God incarnate as Jesus Christ.
January 6th	Religious and Spiritual	Dia de los Reyes (Three Kings Day) - Christian	Most of the Hispanic world & culture celebrates El Dia De Reyes, the Epiphany, remembering the day when the Three Wise Men following the star to Bethlehem, arrived bearing their treasured gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh for the Baby Jesus.
January 6	Religious and Spiritual	Saint Matthew, - Apostle and Evangelist	A day to remember the three wise men's visit to baby Jesus and His baptism, according to events in the Christian Bible.
January 7	Religious and Spiritual	Orthodox Christmas Day	This date works out to be December 25 in the Julian calendar, and is similarly a time to celebrate the birth of Jesus Christ, who is believed to be the Son of God.
January 7	Religious and Spiritual	Feast of the Baptism of the Lord	A celebration in the Catholic Church, which brings the season of Christmas to an end. It takes on the importance of a second creation in which the entire Trinity intervenes.
January 7th	Religious and Spiritual	Feast of the Nativity - Christian	Western Christian churches celebrate Christmas on December 25. However, Eastern Orthodox churches celebrate their Christmas on January 7. They typically call this day the Feast of the Nativity.
January 8th	Religious and Spiritual	Feast of the Holy Family - Christian	The Feast of the Holy Family is a liturgical celebration in the Catholic Church in honor of Jesus of Nazareth, his mother, the Blessed Virgin Mary, and his foster father, Saint Joseph, as a family. The primary purpose of this feast is to present the Holy Family as a model for Christian families
January 13th	Religious and Spiritual	Maghi - Sikh	Maghi is celebrated on the first day of Magh as per the Punjabi calendar and is celebrated in Punjab, Himachal Pradesh, and Haryana. It is a cultural, seasonal and a religious festival marking the agricultural new year, increase in daylight and holding of sports festivals.
January 13	Religious and Spiritual	Lohri	An annual thanksgiving day in Hinduism and Sikhism and a popular harvest festival. Farmers celebrate Lohri during a rest period before cutting and gathering crops.
January 14	Religious and Spiritual	Maghi (Makar Sankranti)	Maghi is the Punjabi name of the Hindu festival of Makar Sankranti celebrated by the people of Punjab on the first day of the month of Magh of the Hindu Calendar.
January 14	Religious and Spiritual	Orthodox New Year	Many Orthodox Christian Canadians celebrate the New Year on January 1 in the Julian calendar, which falls on or near January 14 in the Gregorian calendar.
January 15-18	Religious and Spiritual	Thai Pongal	A multi-day Tamil Hindu harvest festival of South India, particularly in the Tamil community.
January 15	Cultural Celebrations	Martin Luther King Jr. Day	A federal holiday in the United States marking the birthday of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., leader of the modern American Civil Rights Movement.

January 17th	Religious and Spiritual	Blessing of the Animals - Christian	In Mexico, there is a feast for St. Anthony around bonfires and devotees dress up their animals for an official blessing. Traditional accounts say that the 3rd century saint known as Anthony of Egypt was the first monk to live in the wilderness. For centuries, Mexicans have brought everything from pigs, cattle, and livestock to cats, dogs, and other household pets to church for a St. Anthony's blessing.
January 18	Religious and Spiritual	Bodhi Day	Bodhi Day is a Buddhist celebration that honours the historic Buddha and the enlightenment.
January 18th	Religious and Spiritual	Week of Prayer for Christian Unity - Christian	The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity 2019 theme finds its origins in Deuteronomy. "Justice, Only Justice, You Shall Pursue" (cf. Deuteronomy 16:20) was chosen for its powerful message of promoting truth, equality and unity.
January 19	Religious and Spiritual	Timkat	Timkat is the Orthodox Tewahedo celebration of Epiphany and it celebrates the baptism of Jesus in the River Jordan.
January 24	Cultural Celebrations	World Day for Africa and Afrodescent Culture	A day for us to highlight the contributions of the many living cultures of the African continent and the African diasporas around the world, as well as their role in driving sustainable development, dialogue, and peace.
January 24-25	Religious and Spiritual	Tu Bishvat (Arbor Day)	A Jewish holiday that marks the beginning of a "new year" for trees.
January 25th	Religious and Spiritual	Conversion of St. Paul - Christian	The conversion of Paul the Apostle, was, according to the New Testament, an event in the life of Paul the Apostle that led him to cease persecuting early Christians and to become a follower of Jesus. It is normally dated to AD 33–36.
January 25	Religious and Spiritual	Thaipusam	A Hindu festival celebrated by the Tamil people in India and internationally. It is to celebrate the importance of good over evil, light over darkness and wisdom over ignorance.
January 26	Awareness Days	Bell Let's Talk	An annual day to spread awareness on mental health and the stigma that surrounds it.
January 26	Religious and Spiritual	Vasant Panchami	Vasant Panchami is the Hindu festival that highlights the coming of spring.
January 30th	Religious and Spiritual	Mahayana New Year 3 days - Buddhism	In Mahayana countries the New Year starts on the first full moon day in January. However, the Buddhist New Year depends on the country of origin or ethnic background of the people. Chinese, Koreans and Vietnamese celebrate late January or early February according to the lunar calendar, whilst the Tibetans usually celebrate about one month later.
February 1-29	Awareness Days	Black History Month	Canadians are invited to participate in Black History Month festivities and events that honour the legacy of Black Canadians, past and present.
February 1-7	Religious and Spiritual	Interfaith Harmony Week	A day to celebrate the harmony and connection between religions around the world. It recognizes the importance of dialogue between religious and cultural groups.
February 1st	Religious and Spiritual	Imbolc	An event that lands about halfway between the winter solstice and the spring equinox. It is one of the four Gaelic seasonal festivals—along with Bealtaine, Lughnasadh and Samhain.
February 1st	Cultural Celebrations	World Hijab Day	World Hijab Day celebrates all of the Muslim women who choose to wear the hijab. This day strives to foster religious tolerance by inviting all women to experience the hijab for one day.
February 2nd	Religious and Spiritual	Candlemas - Presentation of Christ in the Temple	Candlemas is a traditional Christian festival that commemorates the ritual purification of Mary forty days after the birth of her son Jesus. Candlemas is a day which holds many different customs. New beginnings are recognized and candles are lighted.
February 2nd	Religious and Spiritual	Imbolc (Candlemas) - Wicca/Neo Pagan	
February 2nd	Religious and Spiritual	Saint Brigid of Kildare - Christian	Christian recognition of Brigid who displayed unusual compassion. She was brought up as a Druid and became Christian.
February 3rd	Religious and Spiritual	St. Blaze Day - Christian	Christian, primarily Catholic and Orthodox, honored of a 4th century saint by blessing the throats of believers.
February 3rd	Religious and Spiritual	Setsebun (beginning of spring) -Shinto	Shinto celebration of the change of seasons with the coming of spring with shouts of "Devils out, Good Fortune in". Bean throwing protects against demons.
February 4-10	Awareness Days	White Cane Week	A week of raising public awareness of the challenges facing Canadians living with vision loss.
February 6-7	Religious and Spiritual	Lailat Al Miraj	A Muslim holiday that commemorates the Prophet Muhammad's night time journey from Mecca to Jerusalem where he ascended to heaven, was purified, and given the instruction for Muslims to
February 10-12	Cultural Celebrations	Losar	Losar is the Tibetan New Year.
February 11th	Awareness Days	International Day of Women and Girls in Science	This day recognizes and celebrates the critical role women and girls play in science and technology.
February 13th	Religious and Spiritual	Carnival/ Shrove Tuesday	Also known as Pancake Tuesday, this is the last day before the long fast for Lent for some Christians in Canada.
February 14th	Religious and Spiritual	Ash Wednesday	Many Christians in Canada mark Ash Wednesday as the first day of Lent. It is the beginning of the Lenten fast and is the day after Shrove Tuesday.
February 14th	Cultural Celebrations	Valentine's Day	Valentine's Day is an opportunity for people in Canada to show love to their friends and families.
February 14th	Religious and Spiritual	St. Valentine's Day - Christian	Christian celebration of the love of God presented in Jesus and in the lives of Christian believers. St Valentine was a 3rd century martyr. This day is widely observed in North America as a secular celebration of love.
February 15th	Religious and Spiritual	Nirvana Day - Buddhism	Celebrates the day when the historical Buddha achieved Parinirvana, or complete Nirvana, upon the death of his physical body. Sometimes celebrated on February 8.
February 24th	Religious and Spiritual	Saint Matthew,- Apostle and Evangelist	Veneration. Matthew is recognized as a saint in the Roman Catholic, Eastern Orthodox, Lutheran and Anglican churches (see St. Matthew's Church). His feast day is celebrated on 21 September in the West and 16 November in the East.
February 14-March 28	Religious and Spiritual	Lent	The Christian season of spiritual preparation before Easter to set aside time for reflection on Jesus Christ—to consider his suffering, sacrifice, his life, death, burial, and resurrection.
February 15th	Religious and Spiritual	Parinirvana Day, or Nirvana Day	Parinirvana Day, or Nirvana Day is a Mahayana Buddhist holiday celebrated in East Asia.

February 19-25	Cultural Celebrations	Heritage Week	Ontarians are invited to celebrate heritage in all its forms: cultural and natural, architectural, archaeological and collections, and its diverse traditions and cultural expressions.
February 24th	Cultural Celebrations	Lantern Festival	The Lantern Festival marks the end of the Chinese New Year period. People will go out to look at the moon, send up flying lanterns, fly bright drones, have a meal, and enjoy time together.
February 24th	Religious and Spiritual	Magha Puja Day	A day to commemorate a time when 1,250 Buddhists spontaneously came together to pay their respect to the Buddha.
February 28th	Awareness Days	Pink Shirt Day	Pink Shirt Day, also known as National Anti-Bullying Day, is a day when people come together by wearing pink shirts to school or work to show that they are against bullying.
February 29-March 19	Religious and Spiritual	Nineteen Day fast	A period of meditation and prayer, of spiritual recuperation for the Bahá'ís community, during which the believer must strive to make the necessary changes in their inner life, to refresh and reinvigorate spiritual forces.
March 1-31	Cultural Celebrations	Bangladeshi Heritage Month	A month for Ontarians to honour the many significant contributions Bangladeshi Canadians have made and highlight their important role in the community.
March 1st	Religious and Spiritual	St. David of Wales - Christian	Celtic Christian saint known for his wisdom and missionary work. Many Canadians of Welsh descent or those with Welsh connections celebrate St David's Day on March 1 each year. The Welsh flag is often seen during celebrations on the day, as well as daffodils or leeks pinned to clothing.
March 1st	Awareness Days	Baisakhi (Vaisakhi) - Sikh	Discrimination and inequalities are closely intertwined, so it is critical when looking to reduce inequalities to address discrimination.
March 2nd	Religious and Spiritual	Khordad Sal (Birth of Prophet Zarathushtra) - Zoroastrian	Zoroastrian remembrance of the birth of Prophet Zarathushtra.
March 3rd	Awareness Days	Theravadin New Year 3 days - Buddhism	To promote ear and hearing care, and raise awareness on how to prevent deafness and hearing loss.
March 4th	Awareness Days	St. George's Day - Christian	A day established to recognize the mental health effects of anti-black racism on Black communities. This day promotes conversation surrounding systemic change.
March 8th	Awareness Days	Saint Mark - Apostle and Evangelist	A day celebrated on the 8th of March every year around the world. It is a focal point in the movement for women's rights.
March 8th	Religious and Spiritual	Ninth Day of Ridvan - Baha'i	An Hindu festival that celebrates the deity Shiva.
March 17th	Cultural Celebrations	St. James the Great Day - Christian	A day that remembers St Patrick, a missionary who converted many of Ireland's inhabitants to Christianity in the 5th century and also celebrates Irish culture.
March 17th	Religious and Spiritual	St. Patrick's Day - Christian	Feast day of the patron saint of Ireland. In North America, a secular version is celebrated by people of all faiths through appreciation of all things Irish.
March 18-May 4	Religious and Spiritual	Beltane - Wicca/Neo Pagan	The 40-day season of spiritual preparation that comes before the most important Feast of the Christian year, Holy Pascha (which means "Passover" and is commonly called "Easter").
March 19th	Religious and Spiritual	St. Joseph's Day - Christian	Christian remembrance of Joseph, husband of Mary the mother of Jesus.
March 20-21	Religious and Spiritual	Twelfth Day of Ridvan - Baha'i	Naw-Rúz is the first day of the Bahá'í calendar year and one of nine holy days for adherents of the Bahá'í Faith. Begins in the evening of the first day and ends in the evening of the second day.
March 21st	Religious and Spiritual	Norooz (New Year) - Persian/Zoroastrian	A traditional ancient Iranian festival celebrating the first day of spring and the Iranian New Year.
March 21st	Religious and Spiritual	Naw-Rúz (New Year) - Baha'i	A traditional ancient Iranian festival celebrating the first day of spring and the Iranian New Year.
March 21st	Religious and Spiritual	Ostara * - Wicca/Neo Pagan - Wicca/Neo Pagan	Wicca welcoming of spring and the goddess-as-maiden.
March 21st	Awareness Days	Saints Philip & James - Christian	An annual observation on the day the police in Sharpeville, South Africa, opened fire and killed 69 people at a peaceful demonstration against apartheid "pass laws" in 1960.
March 21st	Religious and Spiritual	Declaration of the Bab - Baha'i	Nowruz marks the first day of spring and is celebrated on the day of the astronomical vernal equinox, which usually occurs on 21 March.
March 22nd	Awareness Days	Visakha Puja - Buddha Day - Buddhism	World Water Day is about accelerating change to solve the water and sanitation crisis.
March 23rd	Religious and Spiritual	Ascension of Baha'u'llah - Baha'i	A Jewish fast from dawn until dusk on Purim eve, commemorating the three-day fast observed by the Jewish people in the story of Purim.
March 23-24	Religious and Spiritual	St. Columba of Iona - Celtic Christian - Christian	A Jewish holiday that marks the Jewish people's deliverance from a royal death decree around the 4th century BCE. It begins at sundown on the first day and ends at nightfall on the second day.
March 24th	Religious and Spiritual	Guru Arjan martyrdom - Sikh	Many Christians in Canada remember Jesus Christ's triumphal entry into Jerusalem on Palm Sunday, which marks the beginning of Holy Week.
March 24-25	Religious and Spiritual	New Church Day - Christian	One of the most celebrated festivals of India. Sometimes called the "festival of love", this Hindu festival brings people together, forgetting all resentments and bad feelings towards each other.
March 25th	Religious and Spiritual	Annunciation of the Blessed Virgin Mary - Christian	Christian celebration of Gabriel announcing to the Virgin Mary the coming birth of Jesus as the Incarnation of Creator God. Annunciation commemorates the day Jesus's mother, Mary was visited by an angel to inform her that she was blessed and chosen to be the mother of Christ.
March 25th	Awareness Days	Litha Summer Solstice - Wicca/Neo Pagan	A day to honour and remember those who suffered and died at the hands of the brutal slavery system. The International Day also aims to raise awareness about the dangers of racism and prejudice today.
March 25-27	Religious and Spiritual	Saint John the Baptist - Christian	This Sikh Festival is a gathering of Sikhs for military exercises and mock battles on the day following the festival of Holi. Hola Mohalla is a big festive event for Sikhs around the world.
March 26th	Religious and Spiritual	Feast Day of Saints Peter and Paul - Christian	This day marks the birth anniversary of Prophet Spitaman Zarathushtra (Zoroaster). During the special day, Jashans are recited, large parties are held, large banquets are served, and Parsis (community) gather together.
March 28th	Religious and Spiritual	Martyrdom of the Bab - Baha'i	An observance that commemorates Jesus Christ's last supper and the initiation of the Eucharist, which is observed in many Christian churches in Canada.
March 29th	Religious and Spiritual	St Benedict Day - Christian	The day when Christians commemorate the crucifixion of Jesus Christ, which plays an important part in the Christian faith and is recognized as a statutory holiday in all Canadian provinces and territories except Quebec.

March 30th	Religious and Spiritual	Magha Puja Day - Buddhism	Buddhist celebration of the presentation of teachings by Lord Buddha to and assembly of holy men.
March 30th	Religious and Spiritual	Obon (Ulambana) - Buddhist/Shinto	Holy Saturday falls between Good Friday and Easter Sunday in Canada and it commemorates the day when Jesus Christ lay in the tomb after his death for the Christian faith.
March 31st	Religious and Spiritual	Easter - Christian - Christian	The most holy of Christian sacred days. The day commemorates the resurrection of Jesus Christ from his death by crucifixion. Observances include worship services beginning at sunrise, special music, feasting, and parades.
March 31st	Religious and Spiritual	Saint Vladimir - Christian	Celebrates Jesus Christ's resurrection after his death, which is described in the Christian Bible.
April 1-30	Awareness Days	St. Vladimir the Great Day - Christian	An event that is helping to raise awareness of the importance of organ and tissue donation and transplantation.
April 1-30	Awareness Days	Emperor Haile Selassie birthday - Rastafarian	A month dedicated to supporting and remembering those affected by cancer. With nearly 1 in 2 Canadians diagnosed in their lifetime, almost all of us are impacted in some way.
April 1-30	Cultural Celebrations	Pioneer Day- Mormon Christian - Christian	April is a month where Sikh Canadians widely celebrate Vaisakhi, which marks the creation of the Khalsa and the Sikh articles of faith. It has been officially honoured in Ontario since 2013.
April 1-30	Awareness Days	St. James the Great Day - Christian	A month promoting a kinder, more inclusive world for people with autism.
April 1st	Religious and Spiritual	Dormition of the Theotokos - Christian	Easter Monday is the day after Easter Sunday, which commemorates Jesus Christ's resurrection, according to the Christian Bible.
April 5th	Religious and Spiritual	Beheading of St. John the Baptist - Christian	A day, according to Islamic belief, that commemorates the night when God (Allah) revealed the Qur'an (or Koran), which is the Islamic holy book, to the prophet Muhammad (also known as Mohammad).
April 9th	Cultural Celebrations	Nativity of Virgin Mary - Christian	Ugadi or Yugadi, also known as Samvatsarādi, is New Year's Day according to the Hindu calendar.
April 9-10	Religious and Spiritual	Ethiopian New Year - Rastafarian	A Muslim event that marks the end of the month-long fast of Ramadan and the start of a feast that lasts up to three days in some countries.
April 10th	Awareness Days	Elevation of the Life Giving Cross (Holy Cross) - Christian	A day to encourage people around the world to put on a pink shirt and stand in solidarity with the 2SLGBTQIA+ community to continue fighting for equality and acceptance.
April 14-20	Awareness Days	Fall Equinox - Wicca/Neo Pagan	A week to celebrate the contributions of volunteers across Canada.
April 14th	Religious and Spiritual	Asalha Puja Day (Dhamma Day) - Buddhism	Hindu start of the New Years. Greetings that wish good life in coming days are exchanged. In Sikhi the day commemorates the founding of the Khalsa, a distinctive Sikh brotherhood.
April 16th	Religious and Spiritual	Lammas - Christian	In Theravadin countries, Thailand, Burma, Sri Lanka, Cambodia and Lao, the New Year is celebrated for three days from the first full moon day in April. The Buddhist New Year depends on the country of origin or ethnic background of the people.
April 17th	Religious and Spiritual	Michael and All Angels - Christian	A Hindu festival celebrated on the ninth day of Chaitra Navratri which marks the birth of Ram, the seventh avatar of Vishnu.
April 17th	Awareness Days	St Francis Day - Christian	Also known as the Anniversary of the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms which was signed in 1982.
April 20	Religious and Spiritual	Blessing of the Animals - Christian	The most important of the Bahá'í holy days where Bahá'u'lláh declared His mission as a Messenger of God. Begins in the evening of the first day and ends in the evening of the second day.
April 21	Religious and Spiritual	Saint Thomas Day - Christian	Mahavir Jayanti is one of the most important festivals in Jainism, and it celebrates the birth anniversary of the 24th Tirthankara Mahavir, who played a significant role in preaching Jainism.
April 22-30	Religious and Spiritual	St. Luke - Apostle and Evangelist	Passover, is a major Jewish holiday that occurs in the spring on the 15th day of the Hebrew month of Nisan and celebrates the deliverance of Jewish people from slavery in Egypt. Begins in the evening of the first day and ends in the evening of the last day.
April 23rd	Religious and Spiritual	Lughnassad (Lammas) - Wicca/Neo Pagan	Christian remembrance of a person who, in the 4th century, was a martyr and became an ideal of martial valor and selflessness. Legend of killing a dragon is connected with this patron saint of England.
April 24	Religious and Spiritual	Installation of Scriptures as Guru Granth - Sikh	A holiday is celebrated by Theravada Buddhists, with traditions varying by region. Many rituals for this celebration involve water and sand.
April 25th	Religious and Spiritual	Fast in honor of Holy Mother of Jesus - Christian	The Feast of Saint Mark (Italian: Festa di san Marco), also known as the rosebud festival (Venetian: festa del bocolo), is a festival in Venice held on 25 April celebrating Venice's patron saint, Saint Mark. On this day, men traditionally give a single rosebud to the women they love.
April 29th	Religious and Spiritual	Transfiguration of the Lord - Christian	Baha'i commemoration of the twelve day period in 1863 when Baha'u'llah declared that he was God's messenger for this age. Work is to be suspended on days 1, 9, and 12 of the festival.
April 29-30	Religious and Spiritual	Birth of the Bab - Baha'i	The day on which Bahá'u'lláh's family joined Him in the Garden of Ridván. Begins in the evening of the first day and ends in the evening of the second day.
April 30th	Religious and Spiritual	Assumption of Blessed Virgin Mary - Christian	Christian recognition of the martyrdom of the Apostle James the Great in 44 C.E.
April 30-May 1st	Awareness Days	-	Twelfth Day of Ridván, the day on which Bahá'u'lláh and His family left the garden to travel to Constantinople. Begins in the evening of April 30 and ending on the evening of May 1st.
May 1-31	Awareness Days	Milvian Bridge Day - Christian	A month to recognize and pay tribute to the contributions that Asians make, and continue to make, to the development and general welfare of Ontario.
May 1-31	Awareness Days	All Hallows Eve - Christian	A month for recognizing the important contributions that Dutch Canadians have made to the economic, political, social and cultural fabric of Ontario's society.
May 1-31	Awareness Days	Deep Diwali - Jain	An opportunity to remember, celebrate and educate future generations about the inspirational role that Jewish Canadians have played and continue to play.
May 1-31	Awareness Days	Reformation Day - Christian	Polish Heritage Month will be celebrated each May, commemorating Constitution Day in Poland - the implementation of the first democratic and progressive constitution in Europe on May 3rd, 1791.
May 1-31	Awareness Days	Samhain - Pagan	A month to recognize and pay tribute to the contributions South Asians have made, and continue to make, to the development and general welfare of Ontario.

May 1-31	Awareness Days	All Saints Day - Christian	A month dedicated to raising public awareness about communication health and highlighting the importance of early detection and intervention.
May 1-31	Awareness Days	All Souls Day - Christian	A great time to raise awareness about eye health and ways to prevent vision loss.
May 1st	Religious and Spiritual	Crowning of Emperor Haile Selassie - Rastafarian	Beltane, or May Day, is celebrated every year on May 1. It is one of the eight Sabbats and falls halfway between the spring equinox and the coming summer solstice. This day marks the coming summer and is associated with fertility.
May 2nd	Religious and Spiritual	Birth of Baha'u'llah - Baha'i	Even though Ridván is a joyful occasion, the 12th day of the festival was a day of sorrow for those who had to remain in the garden after his departure. Baha'u'llah rode out of the garden on a horse at midday, 12 days after he arrived.
May 3rd	Religious and Spiritual	Nativity Fast begins - Christian	Philip and James share a feast day is because their relics were brought to Rome together in early May of 560 A.D.. They were placed in a Basilica dedicated to them, located near the center of Rome. This Basilica has since been rededicated to the Twelve Holy Apostles.
May 3rd	Religious and Spiritual	St. Andrew's Day - Christian	Many Orthodox Christian churches in Canada often observe Good Friday at a later date, and the observance focuses on Jesus Christ's death, which is described in the Christian bible.
May 4th	Religious and Spiritual	Orthodox Easter	Orthodox Easter Day is an annual holiday commemorating the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. Orthodox Easter follows the Julian calendar.
May 5th	Awareness Days	National Day of Awareness for Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls	A day to honour the lives and legacies of the victims and survivors impacted by this tragic and on-going violence. A day for reflection and also for action.
May 5th	Religious and Spiritual	Yom HaShoah	Yom HaShoah is a day of remembrance for the victims of the Holocaust. It is observed to honor and commemorate those who lost their lives during this tragic period in history.
May 6th	Religious and Spiritual	Orthodox Easter Monday	Many Orthodox Christian churches in Canada often observe Easter Monday at a later date than the Easter Monday date observed by many Western churches.
May 12-13	Cultural Celebrations	Yom HaZikaron (Israeli Memorial Day)	A day of celebration for Israeli Memorial Day. Begins at sundown
May 13-14	Religious and Spiritual	Yom HaAtzma'ut	A time that begins at sundown on the first day and ends at nightfall on the second day, where many Jewish Canadians remember Israel's Independence Day.
May 17th	Awareness Days	International Day Against Homophobia, Transphobia & Biphobia	A celebration uniting millions of people in support of the recognition of human rights for all, irrespective of sexual orientation or gender identity or expression.
May 18th	Religious and Spiritual	Ascension Day	A day that is observed in Canada on the 40th day of Easter. It commemorates Jesus Christ's ascension into heaven, according to the New Testament of the Bible.
May 19th	Religious and Spiritual	Pentecost	Pentecost is a Christian observance commemorating the descent of the Holy Spirit on Jesus Christ's disciples, according to the Bible.
May 20th	Religious and Spiritual	Whit Monday	A day following Pentecost that commemorates the Holy Spirit's descent on Jesus Christ's disciples, as told in the Christian Bible.
May 22-23	Religious and Spiritual	Declaration of the Báb	Declaration of the Báb the anniversary of the Báb's announcement of His mission in 1844. This event is celebrated by the Bahá'ís community.
May 23rd	Religious and Spiritual	Vesak (Buddha Day)	On the Day of Vesak in the year 623 B.C. the Buddha was born. It was also on the Day of Vesak that the Buddha attained enlightenment, and that the Buddha in his eightieth year passed away.
May 23rd	Religious and Spiritual	Saga Dawa Düchen	This day is the single most holy day of the year for Tibetan Buddhists. Saga Dawa Düchen commemorates the Birth, Enlightenment, and Parinirvana of Buddha Shakyamuni marked on the same day of the Full Moon within this month.
May 24th	Religious and Spiritual	Martyrdom of Guru Tegh Bahdur - Sikh	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.
May 25-26	Cultural Celebrations	Lag B'Omer - Judaism	Lag B'Omer begins at sundown on the first day and ends at nightfall on the second day and is generally a day of celebration and joy for many Jewish people in Canada because mourning practices that occur during the Omer period are lifted on this date.
May 26th	Religious and Spiritual	Trinity Sunday	Many Christians in Canada celebrate Trinity Sunday, which is the first Sunday after Pentecost and it is also symbolic of the unity of the Trinity.
May 26 - June 1	Awareness Days	National AccessAbility Week	An opportunity to celebrate the valuable contributions of Canadians with disabilities and to recognize the efforts to remove barriers to accessibility and inclusion.
May 27-28	Religious and Spiritual	Ascension of Bahá'u'lláh	Ascension of Bahá'u'lláh marking the passing of Bahá'u'lláh in 1892. This event is celebrated by the Bahá'ís community.
May 27th	Religious and Spiritual	Day of the Covenant - Baha'i	It is a day that commemorates the appointment of 'Abdu'l-Bahá as the Centre of Baha'u'llah's Covenant, a unique and sacred feature of the Bahá'í Faith
May 29th	Religious and Spiritual	Ascension of 'Abdu'l-Baha - Baha'i	An annual celebration of the rising of the spirit of 'Abdu'l-Baha into heaven. On this day, a celebration and gathering takes place with prayers, music, and devotional readings solemnity and reverence to honour him. Work is to be suspended on this day.
May 30th	Religious and Spiritual	Corpus Christi	Many Christians in Canada, especially those of the Roman Catholic faith, observe Corpus Christi in honour of the Holy Eucharist.
May 31st	Awareness Days	Red Shirt Day	A day where Canadians wear red to create a visible display of solidarity to show their support for disabled people and their families, celebrate the achievements of disabled Canadians, and to pledge their commitment to help create a fully accessible and inclusive society.
June 1-30	Cultural Celebrations	Filipino Heritage Month	An opportunity to learn about and celebrate the rich heritage and histories of the Filipino Canadian community.

June 1-30	Cultural Celebrations	Italian Heritage Month	A day that recognizes the important contributions Italian immigrants have made in building Ontario's communities and economic, political, social and cultural achievements.
June 1-30	Awareness Days	National Indigenous History Month	A month-long event to honour the history, heritage and diversity of Indigenous peoples in Canada.
June 1-30	Cultural Celebrations	Portuguese History and Heritage Month	Recognizes the efforts of the Portuguese Canadian community and celebrates the life of Luis de Camoes and his famous epic poems.
June 1-30	Awareness Days	Pride Month	A celebration of the 2SLGBTQI+ community, which includes individuals who identify as two-spirit, lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer and intersex, as well as a range of other gender and sexual identities and expressions.
June 1-30	Awareness Days	Seniors' Month	A month to recognize and celebrate the contributions that older adults make in communities across our province.
June 4-5	Religious and Spiritual	Martyrdom of the Bab - Baha'i	An Israeli national holiday commemorating the reunification of Jerusalem and the establishment of Israeli control over the Old City. Begins at sundown on May 28 and ends at nightfall on May 29.
June 9th	Religious and Spiritual	St. Columba of Iona - Celtic Christian	St. Columba of Iona was an Irish missionary who helped re-introduce Christianity to Scotland and the north of England.
June 10th	Cultural Celebrations	St Benedict Day - Christian	The Tuen Ng Festival, also known as the Duanwu (Dragon Boat Festival), has been celebrated on the fifth day of the fifth month of the Chinese lunar calendar for millennia.
June 11-13	Religious and Spiritual	Obon (Ulambana) - Buddhist/Shinto	Many Jewish Canadians observe Shavuot, which is the second of three major Jewish festivals that focus on historical and agricultural importance. This event begins at sundown on the first day and ends at nightfall on the last day.
June 15th	Awareness Days	Saint Vladimir - Christian	WEAAD is marked each year on June 15. It is an official United Nations International Day acknowledging the significance of elder abuse as a public health and human rights issue.
June 16th	Religious and Spiritual	Guru Arjan martyrdom - Sikh	Guru Arjan was the fifth Guru (1563-1606) and the first Sikh martyr executed by the Mughal emperor Jehangir. He built the Golden Temple in Amritsar with doors facing all four directions to emphasize that the Sikh way was open to all, regardless of caste.
June 16-19	Religious and Spiritual	St. Vladimir the Great Day - Christian	Eid al-Adha, or the "Feast of Sacrifice," signifies the willingness of the Prophet Ibrahim, known as Abraham in Christianity and Judaism, to sacrifice his son, Ismail as ordered by Allah. It is one of Islam's most important holidays.
June 18th	Awareness Days	Emperor Haile Selassie birthday - Rastafarian	A day designated by the UN to raise awareness to the harm hate speech causes to human rights and society.
June 19th	Religious and Spiritual	New Church Day - Christian	Swedenborgian Christian (Church of the New Jerusalem) annual commemoration of the vision document, "The True Christian Religion", by Emanuel Swedenborg in 1770.
June 19th	Awareness Days	Pioneer Day- Mormon Christian - Christian	Juneteenth is the oldest nationally celebrated commemoration of the ending of slavery in the United States. Today, Juneteenth honours African American freedom and emphasizes education and achievement.
June 21st	Cultural Celebrations	National Indigenous Peoples Day	National Indigenous Peoples Day celebrates the unique heritage, diverse cultures, and outstanding achievements of the nation's Indigenous peoples.
June 22nd	Religious and Spiritual	Litha Summer Solstice - Wicca/Neo Pagan	Litha occurs during the Summer Solstice between June 19 -22. More commonly referred to as Midsummer's Night, Litha is believed to be a time when faerie folk pass into the human world at Twilight and offer blessings. Litha is a time to celebrate the abundance and beauty of Mother Earth.
June 24th	Religious and Spiritual	Saint John the Baptist - Christian	Saint John's Day, the feast day of Saint John the Baptist, was established by the undivided Christian Church in the 4th century A.D., in honour of the birth of Saint John the Baptist, which the Christian Bible records as being six months before Jesus.
June 27th	Cultural Celebrations	Canadian Multiculturalism Day	A day to discover and celebrate the various cultures that bring Canadian society to life by participating in the virtual activities happening across the country.
June 29th	Religious and Spiritual	Feast Day of Saints Peter and Paul - Christian	The Feast of Saints Peter and Paul or Solemnity of Saints Peter and Paul is a liturgical feast in honour of the martyrdom in Rome of the apostles Saint Peter and Saint Paul.
July 1-31	Cultural Celebrations	Tibetan Heritage Month	This month celebrates Tibetan-Canadian people: their contributions to Canadian society, and their vibrant culture.
July 1st	Cultural Celebrations	Lammas - Christian	A day that celebrates when Canada became a self-governing dominion of Great Britain and a federation of four provinces.
July 9th	Religious and Spiritual	Lughnassad (Lammas) - Wicca/Neo Pagan	Bahá'ís commemorate this holy day which is in recognition of Martyrdom of the Báb who was executed in 1850.
July 10th	Religious and Spiritual	Martyrdom of the Bab - Baha'i	Observance of the anniversary of the execution by a firing squad in Tabriz, Persia, of the 30-year-old Siyyid, Ali-Muhammad, the Báb, the prophet-herald of the Bahá'í Faith.
July 11th	Religious and Spiritual	Fast in honor of Holy Mother of Jesus - Christian	Celebrated by Ismaili Muslims all over Canada, this day is the anniversary of His Highness Prince Karim Aga Khan IV as the 49th hereditary Imam of Shia Ismaili Muslims.
July 11th	Religious and Spiritual	St Benedict Day - Christian	Catholic Christian recognition of the father of the The Benedictine Order. It was the first Order of the Western Church Monastic tradition and lived by the Benedictine Rule.
July 13th	Religious and Spiritual	Obon (Ulambana) - Buddhist/Shinto	Obon is observed around the 15th day of the 7th month of the year, which is July according to the solar calendar; however, it roughly corresponds to August according to the formerly used lunar calendar. As a result, Obon is observed mainly from August 13 to 16, although in some areas it is also observed in mid July.A
July 15th	Religious and Spiritual	Saint Vladimir - Christian	The Eastern Orthodox and Roman Catholic churches celebrate the feast day of St. Vladimir. During his leadership, all branches of the economy prospered under him. He was able to mint coins and regulated foreign affairs with other countries such as trade. Through trade he brought in Greek wines, Baghdad spices, and Arab horses to trade at the markets of Kiev.

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July 21st	Religious and Spiritual	Transfiguration of the Lord - Christian	A Buddhist festival which pays homage to the Buddha and commemorates the Buddha's first sermon and the founding of the Buddha's Sangha - four noble truths.
July 23rd	Religious and Spiritual	Emperor Haile Selassie birthday - Rastafarian	From August 1 to August 14 (inclusive) Orthodox and Eastern Catholics fast from red meat, poultry, meat products, dairy products (eggs and milk products), fish, oil, and wine. In churches that follow the old or Julian Calendar, the fast is from August 14 to August 28.
July 24th	Religious and Spiritual	Pioneer Day- Christian	Mormon observation of arrival of first settlers at Great Salt Lake, USA, on July 24, 1847.
July 25th	Religious and Spiritual	St. James the Great Day - Christian	Christian recognition of the martyrdom of the Apostle James the Great in 44 C.E.
July 26th	Religious and Spiritual	Asalha Puja Day (Dhamma Day) - Buddhism	Asalha Puja (known as Asanha Bucha in Thailand, Thai: อาสาฬหบูชา) is a Theravada Buddhist festival which typically takes place in July, on the full moon of the eighth lunar month. Asalha Puja, also known as Dhamma Day, is one of Theravada Buddhism's most important festivals, celebrating as it does the Buddha's first sermon in which he set out to his five former associates the doctrine that had come to him following his enlightenment.
August 1st	Religious and Spiritual	Assumption of Blessed Virgin Mary - Christian	Christian first fruits celebration observed by placing bread baked from first harvest on the altar. From the Celtic Christian tradition. September 1 in northern hemisphere; February 1 in southern hemisphere.
August 1st	Religious and Spiritual	Dormition of the Theotokos - Christian	Also known as Lammass, Lughnasadh is the first of three autumn celebrations in the Wheel of the Year. Lughnasadh is celebrated on August 1, which is in the sign of Leo, when the sun reaches 15 degrees of Leo.
August 1st	Religious and Spiritual	Beheading of St. John the Baptist - Christian	Every year the Orthodox Church sets aside the first fourteen days of August in honor of the Virgin Mary. This fast period is climaxed on August 15th, when the Church gathers to celebrate the Great Feast of the Dormition (Falling-Asleep) of the Theotokos.
August 1st	Cultural Celebrations	Michael and All Angels - Christian	A day that commemorates the abolishment of the Slavery Act and recognizes the heritage of Ontario's Black community.
August 6th	Religious and Spiritual	Nativity of Virgin Mary - Christian	Christian commemoration of the experience on Mt Tabor when Jesus' physical appearance became brilliant as his connection with traditional Jewish holy figures became evident to the disciples.
August 9th	Cultural Celebrations	St Francis Day - Christian	A day to raise awareness of the needs of Indigenous peoples and commemorate their traditional knowledge, voices and wisdom.
August 12-13	Religious and Spiritual	Blessing of the Animals - Christian	A Jewish day to remember various events such as the destruction of the First Temple and Second Temple in Jerusalem. It begins at sundown on the first day and ends at nightfall on the second day.
August 13-15	Religious and Spiritual	Saint Thomas Day - Christian	Obon or Bon is the Japanese festival celebrated to honor the dead and spirits of their ancestors.
August 15th	Religious and Spiritual	St. Luke - Apostle and Evangelist	The Feast of the Assumption of Mary celebrates the Christian belief that God assumed the Virgin Mary into heaven after her death.
August 15th	Religious and Spiritual	Ethiopian New Year - Rastafarian	The Assumption of Mary into Heaven (often shortened to the Assumption) is, according to the beliefs of the Catholic Church, Eastern and Oriental Orthodoxy, as well as parts of Anglicanism, the bodily taking up of the Virgin Mary into Heaven at the end of her earthly life. Assumption Day is considered a Holy Day of Obligation, but if it falls on a Saturday or on a Monday, it is not obligatory by the church to attend mass.
August 15th	Religious and Spiritual	Elevation of the Life Giving Cross (Holy Cross) - Christian	The feast of the Dormition or Falling-asleep of the Theotokos is celebrated on the fifteenth of August, preceded by a two-week fast. This feast, which is also sometimes called the Assumption, commemorates the death, resurrection and glorification of Christ's mother. It proclaims that Mary has been "assumed" by God into the heavenly kingdom of Christ in the fullness of her spiritual and bodily existence.
August 18-19	Religious and Spiritual	Installation of Scriptures as Guru Granth - Sikh	Tu B'Av is a minor Jewish holiday and is celebrated as a holiday of love. It begins at sundown on the first day and ends at nightfall on the second day.
August 19th	Religious and Spiritual	Birth of the Bab - Baha'i	A Hindu festival that celebrates brother and sister relationships.
August 26th	Religious and Spiritual	Milvian Bridge Day - Christian	Janmashtami is a traditional Hindu holiday that celebrates the first earthly appearance, or the birth, of the god Krishna.
August 29th	Religious and Spiritual	Fall Equinox - Wicca/Neo Pagan	Christian remembrance of the death of John who is known for preparing the people so they would recognize Jesus as the Messiah.
September 2	Cultural Celebrations	All Souls Day - Christian	An event celebrated on the first Monday of September that originally gave workers the chance to campaign for better working conditions or pay.
September 7	Cultural Celebrations	Crowning of Emperor Haile Selassie - Rastafarian	A day to recognize and celebrate the contributions that Ukrainian Canadians have made towards the development of Ontario.
September 8th	Religious and Spiritual	All Hallows Eve - Christian	A Christian feast day celebrating the birth of the Blessed Virgin Mary, one of the most important figures in Christianity.
September 11	Religious and Spiritual	Birth of Baha'u'llah - Baha'i	Enkutatash is the name for the Ethiopian New Year and means "gift of jewels" in the Amharic language.
September 14th	Religious and Spiritual	Reformation Day - Christian	A recognition day for the Cross of which Jesus was crucified. The Cross is a central symbol of the Christian religion.
September 21st	Religious and Spiritual	Samhain - Pagan	Mabon marks the Autumn Equinox, when day and night are equal, making it a time of balance, equality and harmony. In ancient times Mabon was a celebration of the second harvest (Lughnasadh was the first) when farmers gathered hearty foods like gourds, pumpkins, grapes and apples.
September 23	Awareness Days	Nativity Fast begins - Christian	This day offers a unique opportunity to support and protect the linguistic identity and cultural diversity of all deaf people and other sign language users.

September 24-30	Awareness Days	Martyrdom of Guru Tegh Bahdur - Sikh	A week to recognise that deaf people have their own communities, their own cultures, their own languages, sign languages, which unite us all.
September 29th	Religious and Spiritual	All Saints Day - Christian	A major ancient feast day celebration of angels as companions who help fight off the power of evil and who are present at the hour of death. For Christian followers, it marked the start of a new quarter.
September 30	Awareness Days	Day of the Covenant - Baha'i	A day to recognize and raise awareness about the history and legacies of the residential school system in Canada.
September 30	Awareness Days	Ascension of 'Abdu'l-Baha - Baha'i	A national day to explore the rich and diverse cultures, voices, experiences and stories of the First Nations, Inuit, and Métis peoples and ensure public commemoration of the tragic and painful history and legacy of residential schools remains a vital component of the reconciliation process.
October 1-31	Cultural Celebrations	St. Andrew's Day - Christian	A month dedicated to recognizing the contributions of Caribbean-Canadians to Ontario's social, economic, political and cultural fabric.
October 1-31	Cultural Celebrations	Hispanic Heritage Month	A month to recognize the rich contributions of Hispanic-Canadians to Ontario's social, economic, political and multicultural fabric.
October 1-31	Religious and Spiritual	Islamic Heritage Month	A month dedicated to recognizing the contributions that Muslims have made to all aspects of Ontario's prosperity and diverse heritage for generations.
October 1-31	Awareness Days	Learning Disabilities Awareness Month	A month to encourage people to pay special attention to children and adults with learning disabilities.
October 1-31	Awareness Days	LGBTQ History Month	LGBT History Month celebrates the achievements of lesbian, gay, bisexual or transgender icons.
October 1-31	Awareness Days	Women's History Month	A month to celebrate the contributions of women and the important milestones in women's rights in Canadian history.
October 1-7	Awareness Days	All Souls Day - Christian	A national public education campaign designed to help open the eyes of Canadians to the reality of mental illness.
October 1st	Awareness Days	All Saints Day - Christian	A day recognizing the many ways in which older people contribute to their families and communities and working towards prioritizing their healthcare needs.
October 2-4	Religious and Spiritual	Crowning of Emperor Haile Selassie - Rastafarian	Many Jewish Canadians celebrate Rosh Hashana (or Rosh Hashanah), which begins at sundown on the first day and ends at nightfall on the last day, and is also known as the Jewish New Year.
October 3-11	Religious and Spiritual	Birth of Baha'u'llah - Baha'i	A major Hindu festival held in honour of the divine feminine. For many people it is a time of religious reflection and fasting; for others it is a time for dancing and feasting.
October 4th	Religious and Spiritual	St Francis Day - Christian	A feast to commemorate the life of St Francis, born in the 12 th century. He is an important figure to Christianity as the patron saint of animals and the environment.
October 4th	Religious and Spiritual	Blessing of the Animals - Christian	Some people bring their pets to Church for a blessing and take part in an observance showing respect for domestic animals.
October 4th	Awareness Days	Nativity Fast begins - Christian	A day where community members honour the lives and legacies of the victims and survivors impacted by this tragic and on-going violence. A day for reflection and also for action.
October 4th	Religious and Spiritual	Martyrdom of Guru Tegh Bahdur - Sikh	A feast that commemorates the life of St Francis, who was born in the 12th century and is the Catholic Church's patron saint of animals and the environment.
October 5th	Religious and Spiritual	Day of the Covenant - Baha'i	A Jewish fast day from dawn until dusk to lament the assassination of Gedaliah, the righteous governor of Judah.
October 6th	Religious and Spiritual	Saint Thomas Day - Christian	Thomas was killed by a spear — a wound similar to that which he touched on Jesus. Thomas was canonized a Saint for his martyrdom. His Feast Day is July 3 — also recognized as Indian Christians Day.
October 6-8	Religious and Spiritual	Ascension of 'Abdu'l-Baha - Baha'i	A Jewish holiday dedicated to the love of God that many Jewish communities celebrate. Begins at sundown the first day and ends at nightfall the second day.
October 7th	Awareness Days	St. Andrew's Day - Christian	Ageism Awareness Day is a day dedicated to raising awareness about age discrimination and promoting equality for people of all ages. It's important to celebrate this day because it challenges stereotypes and promotes inclusivity.
October 10th	Awareness Days	World Mental Health Day	A day with the overall objective of raising awareness of mental health issues around the world and mobilizing efforts in support of mental health.
October 11-12	Religious and Spiritual	Yom Kippur	Yom Kippur is a Jewish holiday known as the Day of Atonement. Many Canadians of Jewish faith in Canada spend the day fasting and praying and the day begins at sundown on the first day and ends at nightfall on the second day.
October 12th	Religious and Spiritual	Dussehra - Hindu	Dussehra is a Hindu festival celebrating the victory of good over evil. Many people of the Hindu faith observe through special prayers and food offerings to the gods.
October 14th	Cultural Celebrations	Thanksgiving Day	An event that takes place on the second Monday of October and acts as a chance for people to give thanks for a good harvest and other fortunes in the past year.
October 16-22	Religious and Spiritual	Spiritual & Religious Care Awareness Week	A week dedicated towards providing research, education & advocacy on spiritual and religious diversity.
October 16- 23	Religious and Spiritual	Sukkot	A Jewish event also known as the Feast of Tabernacles, that lasts for about seven days and takes place in the first month of the year in the Jewish calendar. It begins at sundown on the first day and ends at nightfall on the last day.
October 18th	Religious and Spiritual	St. Luke - Apostle and Evangelist	A feast day of remembrance for Luke, one of the twelve disciples of Jesus and an important figure in Christianity. He is a patron saint of artists, physicians, bachelors, surgeons, students, and butchers and wrote more of the New Testament compared to any other single author.
October 19- 20	Religious and Spiritual	Karva Chauth	Karva Chauth is an annual one-day festival that honours the Hindu god Shiva and goddess Parvati.

October 20th	Religious and Spiritual	Installation of Scriptures as Guru Granth - Sikh	A day to honour the sacred collection of the Adi Granth. The scriptures are extremely significant to Sikhs. The book contains poems with messages such as, "all people of the world are equal" and that "women are equal to men."
Oct 23-24	Religious and Spiritual	Simchat Torah	Many Jewish communities in Canada celebrate Shemini Atzeret (or Shmini Atzeret) and Simchat Torah. They mark the end of the Sukkot (or Sukkoth) festival. It begins at sundown on the first day and ends at nightfall on the second day.
October 26th	Religious and Spiritual	Birth of the Bab - Baha'i	The Birth of the Báb (October 20, 1819) and the Birth of Bahá'u'lláh (November 12, 1817) occurred on consecutive days according to the Islamic lunar calendar (1 and 2 Muharram, respectively). These Holy Days are celebrated on the first and second days of the eighth lunar month after Naw-Rúz, and may fall as early as October 20-21 and as late as November 11-12.
October 27th	Awareness Days	Dress Purple Day	A provincial event to raise awareness about the important role that individuals and communities play in supporting vulnerable children, youth, and families.
October 27th	Awareness Days	World Occupational Therapy Day	An opportunity to heighten the visibility of the profession's development work and to promote the activities of World Federation of Occupational Therapists.
October 28th	Cultural Celebrations	Govatsa Dwadashi - Hindu	A Hindu cultural and religious festival which marks the beginning of Diwali celebrations, which symbolizes victory of light over darkness, in some parts of India.
October 28th	Religious and Spiritual	Milvian Bridge Day - Christian	A day to commemorate the Battle that took place at Milvian Bridge between the Roman Emperors Constantine the Great and Maxentius. As a result of this battle, Christianity was deemed the legal religion of the Roman Empire.
October 31st	Cultural Celebrations	Halloween	A day to mark the night when, according to old Celtic beliefs, spirits and the dead can cross over into the world of the living and where children may trick-or-treat in their neighborhood.
October 31st	Religious and Spiritual	All Hallows Eve - Christian	The eve of All Saints' Day whereby traditionally, Christians would pray for the dead and honour the saints.
October 31st	Religious and Spiritual	Deep Diwali - Jain	Dev Diwali, also known as Dev Deepavali, is a festival of lights celebrated after Diwali mainly in Varanasi. It holds great religious significance in Hindu religion. Dev Diwali commemorates Lord Shiva's victory over the demon Tripurasura.
October 31st	Religious and Spiritual	Reformation Day - Christian	An annual observance day that marks the beginning of the Protestant Reformation. On this day in 1517, Martin Luther, a German monk, nailed his 95 Theses to the door of Wittenburg Church, which expressed his concerns over corruption found in the Catholic Church.
October 31st	Religious and Spiritual	Samhain - Pagan	Samhain was first observed by Celtic Pagans. Samhain marked the Celtic New Year, the end of summer, and the end of the harvest season. It also signaled the beginning of winter, which they associated with death. On this day, the Celts believed the veil between the living and the dead was especially thin
October 31-November 4	Cultural Celebrations	Diwali/Deepavali - Jain and Sikh	Diwali is a festival of lights and one of the major festivals celebrated by Hindus, Jains and Sikhs.
November 1-30	Cultural Celebrations	Albanian Heritage Month	A month where people of Albanian origin celebrate the Albanian Declaration of Independence, which declared Albania an independent sovereign nation on November 28th, 1912.
November 1-30	Cultural Celebrations	Hindu Heritage Month	A month to recognize that Hindu Canadians have helped build Ontario into the multicultural success story that it is and acknowledge the significant contributions they have made.
November 1st	Religious and Spiritual	All Saints' Day	All Saints' Day is a celebration of all Christian saints, particularly those who have no special feast days of their own, in many Roman Catholic, Anglican and Protestant churches.
November 1st	Religious and Spiritual	All Saints Day - Christian	An annual feast day dedicated to honouring known and unknown saints. This day is highly significant for Christian followers as saints are important figures in their religion.
November 2nd	Religious and Spiritual	Govardhan Puja - Hindu	A Hindu festival that is celebrated on the first lunar day of the bright fortnight of the month of Kartika, on the fourth day of Diwali. Devotees worship Govardhan Hill and prepare and offer a large variety of vegetarian food to Krishna as a mark of gratitude.
November 2nd	Religious and Spiritual	All Souls' Day	A Christian day of almsgiving and prayers for the dead and the intent is for the living to assist those in purgatory.
November 2nd	Religious and Spiritual	Twin Holy Birthdays: Birth of the Bab - Baha'i	The Festivals of the Twin Birthdays or the Twin Holy Birthdays refers to two successive holy days in the Bahá'í calendar that celebrate the births of two central figures of the Bahá'í Faith
November 2nd	Religious and Spiritual	All Souls Day - Christian	A day of remembrance for all faithful Christians who have passed on and are now in Purgatory. On this day, many Christians go to church wearing black and pray as well as visit family gravesites to honour them.
November 2nd	Religious and Spiritual	Crowning of Emperor Haile Selassie - Rastafarian	On the 23rd Day of the Month of Tikimt, 1923 on the Ethiopian Calendar, and November 2, 1930, on the Gregorian Calendar, Emperor Haile Selassie I was crowned King of Kings of Ethiopia at Addis Ababa's Cathedral of St. George.
November 3rd	Religious and Spiritual	Twin Holy Birthdays: Birth of the Bahá'u'lláh - Baha'i	The Festivals of the Twin Birthdays or the Twin Holy Birthdays refers to two successive holy days in the Bahá'í calendar that celebrate the births of two central figures of the Bahá'í Faith
November 6-12	Awareness Days	National Seniors' Safety Week	This awareness campaign promotes awareness around keeping mature Canadians healthy, independent and safe.
November 8th	Cultural Celebrations	Indigenous Veterans Day	A day dedicated to recognizing Indigenous participation in Canada's military efforts over the years and being aware of the many challenges they had to overcome.
November 11th	Cultural Celebrations	Remembrance Day	A day where Canadians honour and remember the people who have served, and continue to serve, Canada during times of war, conflict and peace.
November 12th	Religious and Spiritual	Birth of Baha'u'llah - Baha'i	A day celebrating the birthday of the founder of the Baha'i religion.

November 15th	Religious and Spiritual	Nativity Fast begins - Christian	An annual feast period that lasts until December 24. The purpose and significance of this fasting period is to focus on detaching oneself from material things and pleasures in order to become closer with God. During this time, prayers, and charitable work take place.
November 12-18	Awareness Days	Transgender Awareness Week	A week-long recognition to help raise the visibility of transgender people and address issues members of the community face.
November 15-December 24	Religious and Spiritual	Nativity Fast	During the Nativity Fast the Church encourages followers to ready their souls and bodies for the Feast through fasting, prayer, alms-giving, confession and increased attention given to "preparing for His coming".
November 16th	Awareness Days	International Day of Tolerance	An annual observance day declared by UNESCO in 1995 to generate public awareness of the dangers of intolerance.
November 17th	Awareness Days	World Prematurity Day	A day that is represented by the colour purple and sheds light on the 1 in 10 babies born prematurely worldwide.
November 22nd	Religious and Spiritual	Lhabab Düchen	Lhabab Düchen celebrates the anniversary of Buddha Shakyamuni's descent from heaven after repaying the kindness of his mother by liberating her from Samsara and teaching Dharma to the gods.
November 24 -25	Religious and Spiritual	Day of the Covenant	The Day of the Covenant is the day when Bahá'ís celebrate the appointment of 'Abdu'l-Bahá as the Centre of Baha'u'llah's Covenant.
November 24th	Religious and Spiritual	Martyrdom of Guru Tegh Bahdur - Sikh	An annual day of remembrance for the execution of Tegh Bahdur by the Moghul Emperor in India. His legacy lives on as a prime example of the freedom and ability for one to choose the religion of one's choice.
November 25th	Awareness Days	International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women	A day to recognize that violence against women and girls is one of the most widespread, persistent and devastating human rights violations in our world today.
November 26th	Religious and Spiritual	Day of the Covenant - Baha'i	An annual holy celebration of the covenant given in the last will and testament of Baha'u'llah. On this day, Bahá'u'lláh appointed his son 'Abdu'l-Bahá as the next guide after his passing. This is one of two of Baha'i's holy days where work does NOT need to be suspended.
November 26 -27	Religious and Spiritual	Ascension of 'Abdu'l-Bahá	The Ascension of 'Abdu'l-Bahá is a holy day that commemorates the death of 'Abdu'l-Bahá.
November 28th	Religious and Spiritual	Ascension of 'Abdu'l-Baha - Baha'i	An annual celebration of the rising of the spirit of 'Abdu'l-Baha into heaven. On this day, a celebration and gathering takes place with prayers, music, and devotional readings solemnity and reverence to honour him. Work is to be suspended on this day.
November 29-30	Religious and Spiritual	Sigd	An event that begins at sundown on the first day and ends at nightfall on the second day and is celebrated by the Ethiopian Jewish community. According to tradition it is also the date that God first revealed himself to Moses. It begins at sundown on the first day and ends at nightfall on the second day.
November 30th	Religious and Spiritual	St. Andrew's Day - Christian	An annual holiday celebration whereby Andrew the patron saint of Scotland, is honoured. This holiday is very significant for all liturgical Christians since the beginning of Advent is set at the Sunday closest to this day.
December 1-24	Religious and Spiritual	Advent - Christian	Advent is a season of the liturgical year observed in most Christian denominations as a time of waiting and preparation for the celebration of the Nativity of Christ.
December 2	Awareness Days	International Day for the Abolition of Slavery	A day to recognize the existence of modern slavery and the fact that more than 40 million people worldwide are victims.
December 3	Awareness Days	Giving Tuesday	Giving Tuesday harnesses the potential of social media and the generosity of people around the world to bring about real change in their communities.
December 3	Awareness Days	International Day of Persons with Disabilities	A day that aims to promote the rights and well-being of persons with disabilities in all spheres of society and development.
December 6th	Religious and Spiritual	Saint Nicholas Day - Christian	An annual celebration honouring St. Nicholas of Myra, a Christian Saint famous to children for gift giving. This is a popular celebration in European countries. On this night, children around Europe place their shoes or special St. Nicholas boot by the fireplace or front door that is to be filled up with small presents by the morning.
December 6th	Awareness Days	White Ribbon Day	White Ribbon is the world's largest movement of men and boys working to end violence against women and girls, promote gender equity, healthy relationships and a new vision of masculinity.
December 6th	Awareness Days	National Day of Remembrance and Action on Violence Against Women	A day to commemorate this national tragedy and reflect on the fact that violence continues to be a daily reality for many women.
December 8th	Religious and Spiritual	Bodhi Day (Rohatsu) - Buddhism	Bodhi Day is the Buddhist holiday that commemorates the day that Gautama Buddha (Shakyamuni) is said to have attained enlightenment,[1] also known as bodhi in Sanskrit and Pali. According to tradition, Siddhartha had recently forsaken years of extreme ascetic practices and resolved to sit under a peepal tree, also known as a Bodhi tree (Ficus religiosa), and simply meditate until he found the root of suffering, and how to liberate oneself from it.
December 8th	Religious and Spiritual	Immaculate Conception of Mary - Catholic Christian	An annual feast day commemorating the conception of Mary. Christian followers attend special church masses and various church-run schools educate students about the observance and its meaning.
December 10th	Awareness Days	Human Rights Day	A day celebrating the United Nations General Assembly adoption of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights (UDHR).
December 12th	Religious and Spiritual	Feast day - Our Lady of Guadalupe - Catholic Christian	An annual Catholic feast day honouring Jesus' mother Mary. This day is widely celebrated and significant to Americans of Mexican descent as it is the belief that Jesus' mother Mary, who is Mexico's patron saint, appeared to a man in Mexico City twice in 1531.
December 16th	Religious and Spiritual	Saint Thomas the Apostle - Christian	he Feast of Saint Thomas, the Apostle is July 3rd. Saint Thomas was born a Jew and was called to be one of the original twelve Apostles.

December 16th	Religious and Spiritual	Posadas Navidenas - Hispanic Christian	A nine-day annual religious festival whereby families partake in nightly Christmas processions that re-create the Holy Pilgrimage of Mary, Joseph, and the baby Jesus on their journey to Bethlehem followed by musicians. After each procession, mass is held and at the end of the service, children break open piñatas commonly shaped in the form of a star filled with candy, toys, and, occasionally, money
December 21 -January 1	Religious and Spiritual	Yule - Christian	The winter solstice is an ancient pagan holiday known for rituals and traditions that celebrate nature and setting one's intentions for the coming season.
December 21st	Cultural Celebrations	Dongzhi	A Winter Solstice Festival celebrated in China. It's a traditional festival on the shortest day and longest night of the year.
December 24th	Religious and Spiritual	Christmas Eve - Christian	Gregorian calendar. Christmas Eve marks the conclusion of the Advent Season and is significant to celebrating Jesus Christ's birth.
December 25th	Religious and Spiritual	Christmas Day - Christian	One of the biggest annual Christian celebrations honouring the birth of Jesus Christ who is believed to be the son of God. Many festivities take place such as gift exchanges, family feasts, church services, prayers, and caroling. It is widely recognized that Santa Claus visits to bring presents for young girls and boys.
December 25- Jan2	Religious and Spiritual	Hanukkah - Judaism	Hanukkah, also known as the Festival of Lights, is an eight-day Jewish observance to remember the Jewish people's struggle for religious freedom. It begins at sundown on the first day and ends at nightfall on the final day.
December 26th	Religious and Spiritual	Zarathosht Diso (Death of Prophet Zarathushtra) - Zoroastrian	An annual celebration commemorating the death of the Prophet and founder Zoroastrian faith.
December 26th	Religious and Spiritual	St Stephen's Day - Christian	An annual day of remembrance for St Stephen, the first Christian martyr.
December 26-January 1	Cultural Celebrations	Kwanzaa	A day where celebrations often include songs and dances, African drums, storytelling, poetry reading, and a large traditional meal.
December 28th	Religious and Spiritual	Holy Innocents - Christian	An annual solemn observance day to commemorate the male child victims who were killed by King Herod in the attempt to destroy Jesus.
December 31st	Cultural Celebrations	New Year's Eve	New Year's Eve is a day of reflection of the past year's events and a time to prepare for the New Year.
December 30th	Religious and Spiritual	Holy Family - Christian	An annual celebration of the love shared between the family of Jesus
December 31st	Religious and Spiritual	Watch Night - Christian	An annual observance to give thanks to God for protecting them through another year.