

Primary Sacred Times for World Religions

* Means that Holy days begin at sundown the day before this date.

** Regional customs, group preference or moon sightings may cause a variation of this date.

Bold titles are primary holy days of a tradition.

JANUARY 2009

- 1
 - Mary, Mother of God - **Catholic Christian**
 - Feast of St Basil - **Orthodox Christian**
 - Gantan-sai (New Years) - **Shinto**
- 3
 - Vasant Panchami ** - **Hindu**
- 5
 - Twelfth Night - **Christian**
 - Guru Gobindh Singh birthday - **Sikh**
- 6
 - Epiphany - **Christian**
 - Feast of the Theophany - **Orthodox Christian**
 - Dia de los Reyes - **Christian**
- 7
 - Nativity of Christ - **Orthodox Christian**
 - Ashura * ** - **Islam**
- 11
 - Mahayana New Year (3 days) ** - **Buddhist**
 - Baptism of Lord Jesus - **Christian**
- 13
 - Maghi - **Sikh**
- 17
 - Blessing of the Animals - **Hispanic Christian**
- 18
 - World Religion Day - **Baha'i**
 - Week of Prayer for Christian Unity begins - **Christian**
- 25
 - Conversion of St. Paul - **Christian**
- 26
 - Chinese New Year - **Confucian/Daoist/Buddhist**

FEBRUARY 2009

- 1
 - Four Chaplains Sunday - **Interfaith USA**
- 2
 - Candlemas - **Christian**
 - Presentation of Christ in the Temple - **Anglican Christian**
 - Imbolc * - **Wicca** Northern hemisphere
 - Lughnassad * - **Wicca** Southern hemisphere
- 8
 - Triodion begins - **Orthodox Christian**
- 9
 - Tu B'shvat * - **Jewish**
- 14
 - Saint Valentine's Day - **Christian**
- 15
 - Nirvana Day ** - **Buddhism**
- 21
 - Saturday of Souls #1 - **Orthodox Christian**
- 22
 - Transfiguration Sunday - **Christian**
 - Meatfare Sunday - **Orthodox Christian**
- 23
 - Maha Shivaratri ** - **Hindu**
- 24
 - Saint Matthew's Day - **Christian**
 - Shrove Tuesday - **Christian**
- 25
 - Ash Wednesday - Lent begins - **Christian**
- 26
 - Intercalary Days begin * **Baha'i**

MARCH 2009

- 1
 - Intercalary Days conclude * **Baha'i**
 - Cheesefare Sunday - **Orthodox Christian**
 - Four Chaplains Sunday - **Christian/Jewish Interfaith**
 - Saint David of Wales - **Christian**
- 2
 - Lent begins - Clean Monday - **Orthodox Christian**
- 8
 - Orthodox Sunday - **Orthodox Christian**
- 9
 - Mawlid an Nabi * ** - **Islam**
 - Clean Monday - **Orthodox Christian**
- 10
 - Purim * - **Jewish**
- 11
 - Holi ** - **Hindu**
 - Hola Mohala - **Sikh**
- 13
 - L. Ron Hubbard birthday - **Scientology**
- 17
 - St Patrick's Day - **Christian**
- 21 Vernal Equinox
 - Ostara * - **Wicca** - Northern Hemisphere
 - Mabon * - **Wicca** - Southern Hemisphere
 - Norouz (New Year) - **Persian/Zoroastrian**
 - Naw Ruz (New Year) - **Baha'i**
- 25
 - Annunciation of Virgin Mary - **Christian**
- 26
 - Khordad Sal (Birth of Prophet Zaranhusht) **Zoroastrian**
- 27
 - New Year ** - **Hindu**
- 29
 - Passion Sunday ** - **Christian**

APRIL 2009

- 3
 - Ramanavami ** - **Hindu**
- 5
 - Palm Sunday - **Christian**
- 7
 - Mahavir Jayanti ** - **Jain**
- 9-10 * (9-16 in full)
 - Pesach (Passover) first two days * - **Jewish**
- 9-12
 - Theravadin New Year ** - **Buddhist**
- 9
 - Lord's Evening Meal - **Jehovah's Witness Christian**
 - Maundy Thursday - **Christian**
 - Hanuman Jayanti - **Hindu**
- 10
 - Good Friday - **Christian**
- 12
 - Easter - **Christian**
 - Palm Sunday - **Orthodox Christian**
- 13
 - Easter Monday **Christian**
- 14
 - Baisakhi - **Sikh**
- 15-16
 - Pesach (Passover) final two days * - **Jewish**
- 17
 - Holy Friday - **Orthodox Christian**
- 18
 - Lazarus Saturday - **Orthodox Christian**
- 19
 - Easter/Pascha - **Orthodox Christian**
- 21
 - Yom HaSho'ah * - **Jewish**
 - First Day of Ridvan * - **Baha'i**
- 23
 - Saint George's Day - **Christian**
- 29
 - Yom Ha'Atzmaut * - **Jewish**
 - Ninth Day of Ridvan * - **Baha'i**
- 30
 - St. James the Great Day - **Orthodox Christian**

MAY 2009

- 1
 - Beltane * - **Wicca** Northern hemisphere
 - Samhain * - **Wicca** Southern hemisphere
- 2
 - Twelfth Day of Ridvan * - **Baha'i**
- 9
 - Buddha Day - Visakha Puja - Vesak ** - **Buddhist**
- 12
 - Lag B'Omer * - **Jewish**
- 21
 - Ascension of Jesus - **Christian**
- 23
 - Declaration of the Bab * - **Baha'i**
- 28
 - Ascension of Jesus - **Orthodox Christian**
- 29-30
 - Shavuot * - **Jewish**
- 29
 - Ascension of Baha'u'llah * - **Baha'i**
- 31
 - Pentecost - **Christian**
 - Lag B'Omer - **Jewish**

JUNE 2009

- 7
 - Trinity - **Christian**
 - Pentecost - **Orthodox Christian**
- 11
 - Corpus Christi - **Catholic Christian**
- 9
 - Saint Columba of Iona - **Celtic Christian**
- 14
 - All Saints - **Orthodox Christian**
- 16
 - Guru Arjan Dev Martyrdom - **Sikh**

JUNE 2009 (continued)

- 19
 - Sacred Heart of Jesus - **Catholic Christian**
 - New Church Day - **Swedenborgian Christian**
- 21 Summer Solstice
 - Litha * - **Wicca** Northern Hemisphere
 - Yule * - **Wicca** Southern Hemisphere
 - First Nations Day - **Canadian Native People**
- 24
 - Saint John the Baptist Birth - **Christian**
- 28
 - Saints Peter and Paul - **Christian**

JULY 2009

- 7
 - Asalha Puja Day ** **Buddhist**
- 9
 - Martyrdom of the Bab * - **Baha'i**
- 11
 - St Benedict Day - **Catholic Christian**
- 13
 - Ulambana (Obon) ** **Buddhist**
- 15
 - Saint Vladimir's Day - **Christian**
- 19
 - Lailat al Miraj * ** - **Islam**
- 23
 - Haile Selassie I birthday - **Rastafari**
- 24
 - Pioneer Day- **Mormon Christian**
- 25
 - St. James the Great Day - **Christian**
- 30
 - Tisha B'Av * - **Jewish**

2009 INTERFAITH CALENDAR

AUGUST 2009

- 1
 - Lammas - **Christian**
 - Fast Day in honor of Holy Mother of Jesus - **Orthodox Christian**
- 2
 - Lughnassad - **Wicca Northern hemisphere**
 - Imbolc* - **Wicca Southern hemisphere**
 - Fast in honor of Holy Mother of Lord Jesus - **Orthodox Christian**
- 5
 - Raksha Bandhan ** - **Hindu**
 - Lailat al Bara'ah * - **Islam**
- 6
 - Transfiguration of the Lord - **Orthodox Christian**
- 14
 - Krishna Janmashtami ** - **Hindu**
- 15
 - Assumption of Blessed Virgin Mary - **Catholic Christian**
 - Dormition of the Theotokos - **Orthodox Christian**
- 17
 - Paryushana ** - **Jain**
- 22
 - Ramadan begins * ** - **Islam**
- 23
 - Ganesha Chaturthi ** - **Hindu**
- 25
 - Assumption of Virgin Mary - **Catholic Christian**
- 29
 - Beheading of John the Baptist - **Christian**

SEPTEMBER 2009

- 1
 - Ecclesiastical Year begins - **Orthodox Christian**
- 8
 - Nativity of Mary - **Christian**
- 14
 - Elevation of the Life Giving Cross - **Christian**

SEPTEMBER 2009 (continued)

- 16
 - Lailat al Kadr * ** - **Islam**
- 19-20
 - Rosh Hashanah * - **Jewish**
- 19-27
 - Navaratri ** - **Hindu**
- 20
 - Eid al Fitr * ** - Ramadan ends - **Islam**
- 22 Autumnal Equinox
 - Mabon * - **Wicca Northern Hemisphere**
 - Ostara * - **Wicca Southern Hemisphere**
- 28
 - Yom Kippur * - **Jewish**
 - Dasera ** - **Hindu**
- 29
 - Michael and All Angels - **Christian**

OCTOBER 2009

- 3-9 (3-4 Primary Obligation Days)
 - Sukkot * - **Jewish**
- 4
 - St Francis Day - **Catholic Christian**
- 10
 - Shemini Atzeret * - **Jewish**
- 11
 - Simchat Torah * - **Jewish**
- 12
 - Thanksgiving - **Interfaith - Canada**
- 17
 - Diwali (Deepavali) ** - **Hindu, Jain**
- 20
 - Installation of Scriptures as Guru Granth - **Sikh**
 - Birth of the Bab - **Baha'i**
- 25
 - Reformation Day - **Protestant Christian**
- 28
 - Milvian Bridge Day - **Christian**
- 31
 - All Hallows Eve - **Christian**

NOVEMBER 2009

- 1
 - All Saints' Day - **Christian**
 - Samhain * - **Wicca** Northern hemisphere
 - Beltane * - **Wicca** Southern hemisphere
- 2
 - All Souls' Day - **Catholic Christian**
 - Guru Nanak Dev Sahib birthday **Sikh**
- 12
 - Birth of Baha'u'llah * - **Baha'i**
- 15
 - Nativity Fast begins (through Dec 24) - **Orthodox Christian**
- 22
 - Christ the King - **Christian**
- 24
 - Guru Tegh Bahadur Martyrdom - **Sikh**
- 25-28
 - Hajj * - **Islam**
- 26
 - Thanksgiving - **Interfaith - USA**
 - Day of Covenant * - **Baha'i**
 - Waqf al Arafah - Hajj Day * ** - **Islam**
- 27
 - Eid al Adha * ** - **Islam**
- 28
 - Ascension of 'Abdu'l-Baha * **Baha'i**
- 29
 - First Sunday of Advent - **Christian**
- 30
 - Saint Andrew's Day - **Christian**

2009 INTERFAITH CALENDAR

DECEMBER 2009

- 6
 - Saint Nicholas Day - **Christian**
- 8
 - Bodhi Day (Rohatsu) ** - **Buddhism**
 - Immaculate Conception - **Catholic Christian**
- 12
 - Feast day - Our Lady of Guadalupe - **Catholic Christian**
 - Advent Fast begins - **Orthodox Christian**
- 12-19
 - Hanukkah * - **Jewish**
- 16-Dec 25
 - Posadas Navidenas - **Christian**
- 18
 - Hijra - New Year * ** - **Islam**
- 21 Winter Solstice
 - Yule - **Christian**
 - Yule * - **Wicca** northern hemisphere
 - Litha * - **Wicca** southern hemisphere
- 25
 - Christmas * - **Christian**
- 26
 - Zarathosht Diso (Death of Prophet Zarathushtra - **Zoroastrian**
- 27
 - Feast of the Holy Family - **Catholic Christian**
 - Ashura * - **Islam**
- 28
 - Holy Innocents - **Christian**
- 31
 - Watch Night - **Christian**