## 2022 Religious Holidays

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March 2
Ash Wednesday

## Christianity

## Lent

March 2-
April 14

Holi

## $3 \stackrel{H}{3}$ Hinduism

Christianity

March 17March 18

Day of repentance observed by Protestant and Roman Catholic Christians to mark the beginning of Lent

| March 2- | Lent | Christianity | 6-week observance (40 days excluding <br> Sundays) beginning with Ash Wednesday <br> \& culminating in Holy Week. It is a time of <br> repentance and sacrifice in preparation <br> for Easter |
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A joyous Hindu festival that announces the arrival of spring and the passing of winter.

Easter
Christianity

April 15April 23

Passover


Celebrates the resurrection from death of Jesus Christ. It is the oldest and most important holiday in the Christian year.

Commemorates the deliverance of the Israelites from slavery in Egypt.

April 27April 28

Yom Hashoah


Memorializes the six million Jews who died as victims of the Nazis during World War II and emphasizes respect for human dignity.

May 2-<br>May 3

Marks the end of Ramadan, the month of fasting. It is a time to thank God and celebrate for selfcontrol throughout Ramadan.

| May 16 | Vesak | Buddhism | The most important festival in Buddhism. Celebrates the day of birth, enlightenment, and death of the Budda. |
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| June 5 | Pentecost |  | Commemorates the descent of the Holy Spirit on the Apostles 50 days after Easter. It is also the birthday of the Church. |
| July 9July 13 | Eid Al-Adha | Islam | Major Islamic festival that takes place at the end of Hajj, the annual pilgrimage in Mina, Saudi Arabia. |
| August <br> 24 | Paryushana-Parva | Janism | Most important annual holiday. It focuses on increasing spiritual intensity, fasting, and prayer. |
| Sep. 27 | Rosh Hashanah | Judaism | A celebration of the Jewish New Year. It begins the 10 Days which culminate in Yom Kippur. One of the important Jewish holidays. |
| October 4-5 | Yom Kippur | 8 Judaism | Holiest day of the year in the Jewish calendar. It focuses on atonement, repentance, and prayer |
| $\begin{gathered} \text { October } \\ 9-16 \end{gathered}$ | Sukkot | 8 Judaism | One of the three pilgrimage festivals on whih Israelites were commanded to make pilgrimage to the Temple at Jerusalem. |
| $\begin{gathered} \text { Sept. 26- } \\ \text { Oct. } 5 \end{gathered}$ | Navaratri | Hinduism | Hindu festival spaning nine nights. It is observed for different reasons and celebrated differently in various parts of Hinduism. |

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Oct. 7-8
Mawlid

## Islam

The observation of the birthday of Muhammad. It is observed by a majority of Muslims.

Oct. 24
Dwali
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Dec. 1826

## * Juasm

A festival of lights and one of the major Hindu holidays It lasts for five days and represents spiritual victory over darkness.

The Festival of Lights; commemorates the recovery of Jerusalem and the rededication of the Second Temple

Important Christian holiday celebrating the birth of Christ in Bethlehem.

Celebrates African American
African American
culture, culminating in a feast called Karamu on January 1st.

Dec. 25
Christmas

Kwanzaa


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