THE Spiritual and Religious Life CALENDAR 2018–2019

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Aug 15  **CHRISTIAN**  Assumption of Mary  
Commemorates the assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary into heaven

Aug 21  **ISLAMIC**  Day of Arafat*  
The day on which Muslim Hajj pilgrims gather on Mt. Arafat in prayer

Aug 22  **ISLAMIC**  Eid-al-Adha  
Muslims celebrate both Allah’s forgiveness and the end of the Hajj

* Islamic holidays begin the evening before.

Let your vision be world embracing, rather than confined to your own self.  
—BAHÁ’U’LLÁH
HINDU Krishna Janmashtami
Annual celebration of the birth of the Hindu deity Krishna

JEWISH Rosh Hashanah*
The Jewish new year begins and marks the beginning of a 10-day period of reflection

ISLAMIC Muharram (1440 AH)
Islamic new year

HINDU Ganesh Chaturthi
This Hindu holiday celebrates the birth of Ganesh, God of Success

JEWISH Yom Kippur
Holiday beginning at sunset, in which Jews fast and ask for forgiveness

ISLAMIC Ashura
Marks the martyrdom of Husayn ibn Ali and the day that Moses fasted as gratitude for the Israelites’ liberation

JEWISH Sukkot (first two days)
This Jewish harvest festival begins and lasts for seven days

* Jewish holy days begin at sunset the day before.

When I admire the wonders of a sunset or the beauty of the moon, my soul expands in the worship of the creator.

—MAHATMA GANDHI
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<td>A nine-day Hindu festival of the goddess of worship and dance</td>
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The winds of grace are always blowing, but you have to raise the sail.

—RAMAKRISHNA
Faith is not by wishful thinking; it is what takes root in the heart and shows in one’s actions.

—Sayyid Qutb
December 2018

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Dec 2  **CHRISTIAN Advent**
Marks the beginning of four weeks of preparation for the birth of Jesus

Dec 3  **JEWISH Hanukkah**
–10 During this eight-day festival of lights, Jews celebrate the power of God

Dec 8  **CHRISTIAN Feast of the Immaculate Conception**
This Catholic feast day marks the conception of St. Anne with Mary, mother of Jesus

Dec 25  **CHRISTIAN Christmas**
The birth of Jesus is celebrated

Dec 26  **ZOROASTRIAN Death of Prophet Zarathustra**
The anniversary of the death of Zarathustra, the founder of the Zarathushti faith

There may be times when we are powerless to prevent injustice, but there must never be a time when we fail to protest.

—ELIE WIESEL
Jan 6  CHRISTIAN Epiphany  
Festival marking the journey of the 
Magi to the infant Jesus  

Jan 7  CHRISTIAN ORTHODOX Christmas  

Jan 14  HINDU Makar Sankranti  
This festival marks the transition 
of the sun into the zodiac sign of 
Makara rashi (Capricorn) on its 
celestial path  

Jan 20  BAHÁ’I World Religion Day  
An extension of the Bahá’í focus on 
the unity of religions, races, and 
nations  

Every home can be a temple, 
every table an altar, and all 
of life a song to God.  
—ABRAHAM JOSHUA HESCHEL
I never knew how to worship until I knew how to love.

—HENRY WARD BEECHER
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Simplicity, patience, compassion. These three are your greatest treasures.  
——LAO TZU
April 2019

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Apr 14  **CHRISTIAN** Palm Sunday
The final Sunday of Lent and beginning of Holy Week that commemorates the triumphant arrival of Christ into Jerusalem

Apr 14  **HINDU** Ram Navami
Hindus celebrate the birth of Rama

Apr 14  **SIKH** Vaisakhi
Anniversary of the birth of the Khalsa

Apr 19  **CHRISTIAN** Good/Holy Friday
Christians mark the crucifixion and death of Jesus

Apr 20-21  **JEWISH** Passover (first two days)
Celebrates the Jews’ escape from an Egyptian pharaoh

Apr 20  **BAHÁ’Í** Ridván
Bahá’ís commemorate the 12 days Bahá’u’lláh spent in the garden of Ridván during his exile in Baghdad

Apr 21  **CHRISTIAN** Easter
Christians celebrate the resurrection of Jesus

Apr 26-27  **JEWISH** Passover (last two days)

Apr 26  **ORTHODOX CHRISTIAN** Good Friday

Apr 28  **ORTHODOX CHRISTIAN** Pascha (Easter)

Apr 29  **BAHÁ’Í** Ninth Day of Ridván

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Know that you are where you are not by chance but by the design of your Creator, for your development and for the development of those around you.

—‘ABDU’L-BAHA
### May 2019

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<td><strong>ISLAMIC Ramadan</strong></td>
<td>A monthlong holiday celebrated by Muslims through fasting, prayer, and reading of the Qu’ran</td>
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<td>May 19</td>
<td><strong>BUDDHIST Vesak</strong></td>
<td>Commemorates the birth, awakening, and death of the historical Buddha</td>
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<td><strong>JEWISH Lag B’Omer</strong></td>
<td>Jewish day of celebration during the Counting of the Omer</td>
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<td><strong>BAHÁ’Í Declaration of the Báb</strong></td>
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<td><strong>BAHÁ’Í Ascension of Bahá’u’lláh</strong></td>
<td>The anniversary of the death of Bahá’u’lláh, founder of the faith</td>
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<td>The day in which Christians celebrate the ascension of Jesus into heaven</td>
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We must remember that hate is never right and love is never wrong.

— ROMAN KENT
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<td>CHRISTIAN Pentecost</td>
<td>An observance 50 days after Easter commemorating the descent of the Holy Spirit upon Jesus’s disciples</td>
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<td>JEWISH Shavuot</td>
<td>Commemorates the Israelites receiving the Torah</td>
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<td>ORTHODOX CHRISTIAN All Saint’s Day</td>
<td>Orthodox Christians celebrate and honor the saints</td>
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The best remedy for those who are afraid, lonely, or unhappy is to go outside, somewhere where they can be quite alone with the heavens, nature and God.

—Anne Frank
If your compassion doesn’t include yourself it is incomplete.
—BUDDHA
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Bahá’í  
Birth of the Báb, Nov 9  
Birth of Bahá’u’lláh, Nov 10  
First Day of Ridván, Apr 20

Christian  
Christmas, Dec 25  
Orthodox Christian Christmas, Jan 7  
Ash Wednesday, Mar 6  
Orthodox Christian Great Lent begins, Mar 11  
Good Friday/Holy Friday, Apr 19  
Easter, Apr 21  
Orthodox Christian Pascha (Easter), Apr 28

Hindu  
Navaratri, Oct 10–18  
Dussehra, Oct 18  
Diwali, Nov 7

Islam  
Eid-al-Adha, Aug 22–25  
Ramadan, May 5–Jun 4 (estimated)

Jewish  
Rosh Hashanah, Sep 10–11  
Yom Kippur, Sep 19  
Sukkot, first two days, Sep 24–25  
Shemini Atzeret, Oct 1  
Simchat Torah, Oct 2  
Hanukkah, Dec 3–10  
Purim, Mar 20  
Passover, first two days, Apr 20–21  
Passover, last two days, Apr 26–27

1 Bahá’í holidays begin at sunset on the evening before the date given.  
2 Orthodox Christian holidays begin at sunset on the evening before the date given.  
3 Islamic holidays begin at sunset on the evening before the date given. Islamic holidays are based on a lunar calendar, and the actual dates are determined by direct observation of the moon and announced by the mosque. (The most observant Muslims will observe all days; others may observe the first two days of Eid-al-Fitr and Eid-al-Ahda.)  
4 Jewish holy days begin at sunset on the evening before the date given.
Most of the artwork used throughout this calendar is by Steve Erspamer, SM

Steve Erspamer is a Marianist brother who makes his home in a Benedictine community. He is a multifaceted artist who works in clay, stone, fresco, art glass, silk-screened fabrics, block prints, and cut paper. Several of his stained glass windows are at the Emory Catholic Center.

This calendar is printed on paper made from recycled products and alternative fibers, reflecting the Office of Spiritual and Religious Life's commitment to sustainability and responsible protection of the Earth.
We may have different religions, different languages, different colored skin, but we all belong to one human race.

—KOFI ANNAN