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### June 2019 – December 2019

June 3 – June 4, 2019	Eid-al-Fitr	Islam
July 11, 2019	Feast of St. Benedict, Patriarch of Western Monasticism	Catholic
August 9 – August 14, 2019	Hajj	Islam
August 10 - August 11, 2019	Eid-UI-Adha	Islam
August 15, 2019	Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary	Catholic
August 31, 2019	Muharram	Islam
September 2, 2019	Ganesh Chaturthi	Hindu
September 24, 2019	Krishna Jayanthi	Hindu
September 29 - October 1, 2019	Rosh Hashanah	Jewish
October 8, 2019	Navaratri	Hindu
October 8 – October 9, 2019	Yom Kippur	Jewish
October 13 – October 20, 2019	Sukkot	Jewish
October 20 – October 22, 2019	Shemini Azterot/Simchat Torah	Jewish
October 27, 2019	Diwali (Deepvali)	Hindu
October 27, 2019	Bandi Chor Diwas	Sikh
October 29, 2019	Birth of Bab	Baha'i
October 31, 2019	Reformation Day	Protestant
November 1, 2019	All Saints' Day	Catholic/Protestant
November 9 – November 20, 2019	Mawlid al-Nabi	Islam
November 12, 2019	Guru Nanak Jayanti	Sikh
December 8, 2019	Immaculate Conception of the Virgin Mary	Catholic
December 23 – December 30, 2019	Hanukkah	Jewish
December 25, 2019	Nativity of the Lord	Catholic/Protestant
December 26 – January 1, 2020	Kwanzaa	Cultural



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### January 2020 – May 2020

January 1, 2020	Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God	Catholic
January 2, 2020	Bodhi Day	Buddhist
January 2, 2020	Guru Gobind Singh Janaynti	Sikh
January 7, 2020	Orthodox Christmas (Old Calendar)	Orthodox
January 13, 2020	Lohri	Sikh/Hindu
January 15, 2020	Makar Sankranti	Hindu
February 5, 2020	Chinese New Year	Cultural
February 8, 2020	Nirvana Day	Buddhist
February 21, 2020	Maha Shivaratri	Hindu
February 26, 2020	Ash Wednesday	Catholic/Protestant
March 9 – March 10, 2020	Purim	Jewish
March 9 – March 10, 2020	Holi	Hindu
March 21, 2020	Solemnity of St. Benedict	Catholic
April 5, 2020	Palm Sunday	Catholic/Protestant
April 8 –April 18, 2020	Pesach (Passover)	Jewish
April 9, 2020	Holy Thursday	Catholic/Protestant
April 10, 2020	Good Friday	Catholic/Protestant
April 11, 2020	Holy Saturday	Catholic/Protestant
April 12, 2020	Easter Sunday	Catholic/Protestant
April 12, 2020	Orthodox Palm Sunday	Orthodox
April 13, 2020	Visakhi Day	Sikh
April 17, 2020	Holy and Great Friday	Orthodox
April 19, 2020	Pascha (Easter)	Orthodox
April 20 – April 21, 2020	Yom HaSho'ah	Jewish
April 23 – May 23, 2020	Ramadan Month	Islam
May 7, 2020	Vesak Day	Buddhist
May 21, 2020	Ascension of the Lord	Catholic
May 28 – May 30, 2020	Shavuot	Jewish
May 31, 2020	Pentecost	Catholic/Protestant