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June 16, 2020	Martyrdom Day of Guru Arjan Dev	Sikh
July 11, 2020	Feast of St. Benedict, Patriarch of Western Monasticism	Catholic Christianity
July 29 – July 30, 2020	Tisha B'Av	Jewish
July 30, 2020	Yaum-al-Arafah: Day of Atonement	Islam
July 31, 2020	Eid-UI-Adha	Islam
August 7, 2020	Islamic Year (Begins)	Islam
August 10, 2020	Krishna Janmashtami	Hindu
August 15, 2020	Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary	Catholic Christianity
August 21, 2020	Ganesh Chaturthi	Hindu
September 19 - September 20, 2020	Rosh Hashanah	Jewish
September 28, 2020	Yom Kippur	Jewish
October 3 – October 9, 2020	Sukkot	Jewish
October 11, 2020	Shemini Azterot/Simchat Torah	Jewish
October 17, 2020	Navaratra	Hindu
October 20, 2020	Birth of Bab	Baha'i
October 29, 2020	Mawlid al-Nabi	Islam
October 31, 2020	Reformation Day	Protestant Christianity
November 1, 2020	All Saints' Day	Catholic/Protestant Christianity
November 14, 2020	Diwali	Hindu
November 30, 2020	Guru Nanak Jayanti (Celebrated)	Sikh
December 8, 2020	Immaculate Conception of the Virgin Mary	Catholic Christianity
December 11-18, 2020	Hanukkah	Jewish
December 25, 2020	Nativity of the Lord	Catholic/Protestant Christianity
December 26, 2020- January 1, 2021	Kwanzaa	Cultural



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January 1, 2021	Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God	Catholic Christianity
January 7, 2021	Orthodox Christmas (Old Calendar)	Orthodox Christianity
January 13, 2021	Lohri	Sikh/Hindu
January 20, 2021	Guru Gobi ndSingh Janaynti	Sikh
January 20, 2021	Bodhi Day	Buddhist
January 24, 2021	Makar Sankranti	Hindu
February 12, 2021	Chinese New Year	Cultural
February 15, 2021	Nirvana Day	Buddhist
February 17, 2021	Ash Wednesday	Catholic/Protestant Christianity
March 11, 2021	Maha Shivaratri	Hindu
March 21, 2021	Solemnity of St. Benedict	Catholic Christianity
March 27–April 4, 2021	Pesach (Passover)	Jewish
March 28–March 29, 2021	Holi	Hindu
March 28, 2021	Palm Sunday	Catholic/Protestant Christianity
April 1, 2021	Holy Thursday	Catholic/Protestant Christianity
April 2, 2021	Good Friday	Catholic/Protestant Christianity
April 3, 2021	Holy Saturday	Catholic/Protestant Christianity
April 4, 2021	Easter Sunday	Catholic/Protestant Christianity
April 8, 2021	Buddha Day	Buddhist
April 8–April 9, 2021	Yom HaSho’ah	Jewish
April 12–May 11, 2021	Ramadan Month	Islam
April 14, 2021	Baisakhi	Sikh
April 25, 2021	Orthodox Palm Sunday	Orthodox Christianity
April 30, 2021	Holy and Great Friday	Orthodox Christianity
May 2, 2021	Pascha (Easter)	Orthodox Christianity
May 13, 2021	Ascension of the Lord	Catholic Christianity
May 16–May 18, 2021	Shavuot	Jewish
May 23, 2021	Pentecost	Catholic/Protestant Christianity