

# Religious Holidays Fall/Spring '22-'23

Gwynedd Mercy University provides time away to students for specific Catholic/Christian religious holidays, such as Christmas, Holy Thursday, and Good Friday. However, the GMercyU campus community is comprised of diverse religious and spiritual backgrounds that have unique observances and holidays. University policy permits undergraduate and graduate students to observe religious holidays that conflict with the academic schedule without penalty (UG Course Catalogue, pg. 5; Grad. Course Catalogue, pg. 4).

Therefore, The Mercy Center for Service, Spirituality, and Justice in collaboration with the Office of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion provides this list of religious observances and holidays for the benefit of the campus community. The hope is that faculty, staff, and administrators will use this list as a reference. To offer suggestions or include religious observances or holidays not included in this list, please contact Director of Spirituality and Justice Jeff Wallace at [Wallace.j@gmercyu.edu](mailto:Wallace.j@gmercyu.edu). Additionally, the Mercy Center is available to assist in the celebration of particular religious holidays if desired.

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## September 2022

Date	Observance
September 1	Ecclesiastical Year begins (Eastern Orthodox Christianity)
September 7	His Holiness Sakya Trizin's Birthday (Buddhist)
September 8	Nativity of Mary (Christian)
September 16	Chehlum Imam Hussain (Islam Dawoodi Bohra)
September 21	Nativity of the Theotokos (Eastern Orthodox Christianity)
September 21-29	Mabon (Wicca/Pagan)
September 26-27	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Rosh Hashanah (Judaism)</li></ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Feast of Trumpets (Church of God, Philadelphia Church of God)</li> </ul>
September 26-October 5	Navaratri (Hindu)
September 27	The Elevation of the Holy Cross (Eastern Orthodox Christianity)

## October 2022

Date	Observance
October 5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Yom Kippur (Jewish)</li> <li>• Day of Atonement (Christian, Church of God, Philadelphia Church of God)</li> </ul>
October 7	Milad an-Nabi (Islam Dawoodi Bohra)
October 8	Maulid al-Nabi (Islam)
October 9-16	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Sukkot (Judaism)</li> <li>• Feast of Tabernacles (Church of God, Philadelphia Church of God)</li> </ul>
October 11	Urus-Syedna Mohammed Burhanuddin (Islam Dawoodi Bohra)
October 17	Last Great Day (Church of God, Philadelphia Church of God)
October 17-18	Sh'mini Atzeret (Judaism)
October 18	Simchat Torah (Judaism)
October 22-26	Diwali (Hindu, Jain, Puja, Deepavali, Sikh)
October 26	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Birth of B'ab (Baha'ism)</li> <li>• Goverdhan Puja (Hinduism)</li> </ul>
October 27	Birth of Baha'u'llah (Baha'ism)
October 29	Milad Imam-uz-Zamaan (Islam Dawoodi Bohra)

## November 2022

<b>Date</b>	<b>Observance</b>
November 1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• All Saints' Day (Roman Catholicism)</li><li>• Samhain Beltane (Wiccan)</li></ul>
November 2	Dia de los Muertos (Roman Catholicism)
November 8	Guru Nank Dev Sahib Birthday (Sikhism)
November 14	Milad Syedna Mohammed Burhanuddin (Islam Dawoodi Bohra)
November 21	Presentation of the Theotokos to the Temple (Eastern Orthodox Christianity)
November 24	Guru Tegh Bahadur Martyrdom (Sikhism)
November 27	First Sunday of Advent (Christianity)
November 28	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Nativity Fast Begins (Eastern Orthodox Christianity)</li><li>• Ascension of Abdul'l Baha (Baha'ism)</li></ul>

## December 2022

<b>Date</b>	<b>Observance</b>
December 8	Immaculate Conception (Roman Catholicism)
December 19-26	Hanukkah (Judaism)

## January 2023

<b>Date</b>	<b>Observance</b>
January 22	Chinese/Lunar New Year (Confucian, Daoist, Buddhist)
January 24-February 2	Midwinter Ceremonies (Native American)
January 26	Vasant Panchami (Hindu)

## February 2023

<b>Date</b>	<b>Observance</b>
February 2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Presentation of Our Lord to the Temple (Eastern Orthodox Christian)</li> <li>• Imbolic-Candlemas (Wicca &amp; Christian)</li> </ul>
February 5	Ayyam al Beez (Islam Dawoodi Bohra)
February 6	Tu B'shvat (Judaism)
February 9	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Urus-Syedna Taher Saifuddin (Islam Dawoodi Bohra)</li> <li>• Johna's Passover (Eastern Orthodox Christianity)</li> </ul>
February 15	Nirvana Day (Buddhism)
February 22	Ash Wednesday (Christianity)
February 26 – March 1	Intercalary Days (Baha'i)
February 27	Clean Monday (Eastern Orthodox Christianity)

## March 2023

<b>Date</b>	<b>Observance</b>
March 3	Govinda Dwadashi (Hinduism)
March 6	Holika Dahan (Hinduism)
March 7	Purim (Judaism)
March 8	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Holi (Hinduism)</li> <li>• Lailat al Bara'ah (Islam)</li> </ul>
March 8-10	Hola Mohalla (Sikhism)
March 20	Ostara (Wicca)
March 21	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Naw-Ryz (Baha'ism)</li> <li>• Nowruz (Zoroastrianism)</li> </ul>
March 22	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Souramana Yugadi (Hinduism)</li> <li>• Chandramana Yugadi (Hinduism)</li> </ul>
March 23-April 21	Ramadan (Islam)
March 25	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Annunciation of the Theotokos (Eastern Orthodox Christianity)</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Annunciation of the Virgin Mary (Christianity)</li> </ul>
March 26	Khordad Sal (Zoroastrianism)
March 30	Ramnavami (Hindu)

## April 2023

Date	Observance
April 2	Palm Sunday (Christianity)
April 4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Mahavir Jayanti (Jain)</li> <li>Lord's Evening Meal (Christian, Jehovah's Witness)</li> </ul>
April 5-13	Passover (Judaism)
April 12	The Last Friday of the Great Lent (Eastern Orthodox Christianity)
April 12-13	Laylatul Qadr (Islam Dawoodi Bohra)
April 13	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Holy Thursday (Eastern Orthodox Christianity)</li> <li>Milad Syedna Mufaddal Saifuddin (Islam Dawoodi Bohra)</li> </ul>
April 14	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Holy Friday (Eastern Orthodox Christianity)</li> <li>Vaisakhi (Sikh)</li> <li>Aakhir Jumo'a (Islam Dawoodi Bohra)</li> </ul>
April 17	Bright Monday (Eastern Orthodox Christianity)
April 18	Laylatul Qadr (Islam)
April 21	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>First Day of Ridvan (Baha'ism)</li> <li>Eid al-Fitr (Islam Dawoodi Bohra)</li> </ul>
April 22	Eid-al-Fitr (Islam)
April 25	The 11 <sup>th</sup> Panchen Lama's Birthday (Buddhist)
April 26	Yom Ha'Azmaut (Judaism)
April 29	Ninth Day of Ridvan (Baha'ism)

May 2023

<b>Date</b>	<b>Observance</b>
May 2	Twelfth Day of Ridvan (Baha'ism)