

Religious Holidays Fall/Spring '25-26

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. Therefore, The Mercy Center and the Office of the Asst. Vice President for 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.

NOTE: This is not an exhaustive list of religious observances. To offer suggestions or include religious observances or holidays not included in this list, please contact Jeff Wallace at Wallace.j@gmercyu.edu.

August 2025

Date	Observance
August 26-27	Ganesha Chaturthi (Hinduism)
August 26-September 5	Onam (Hinduism)

September 2025

Date	Observance
September 5	Milad al-Nabi (Islam)
September 6	Ullambana (Buddhism)
September 21	Nativity of the Theotokos (Eastern Orthodox Christianity)
September 22	▪ Jyoti Jot Guru Nanak Dev Ji (Sikhism)
September 23	Feast of Trumpets (Church of God, Philadelphia Church of God)
September 23-24	Rosh Hashana (Judaism)
September 27	The Elevation of the Holy Cross (Eastern Orthodox Christianity)

October 2025

Date	Observance
October 2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Yom Kippur (Judaism) ▪ Day of Atonement (Christian, Church of God, Philadelphia Church of God)
October 7 - 13	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sukkot (Judaism) • Feast of Tabernacles (Church of God, Philadelphia Church of God)
October 14	Last Great Day (Church of God, Philadelphia Church of God)
October 15	Simchat Torah (Judaism)
October 18-22	Diwali (Hindu, Jain, Puja, and Deepavali)
October 20	Installation of the Scriptures as Guru Granth (Sikhism)
October 22	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Goverdha Puja (Hinduism) ▪ Birth of B'ab (Baha'ism)
October 23	Birth of Baha'u'llah (Baha'ism)

November 2025

Date	Observance
November 1	All Saints' Day (Roman Catholicism)
November 2	All Souls' Day/Dia de los Muertos (Roman Catholicism)
November 5	Guru Nanak Dev Ji Birthday (Sikhism)
November 15	Nativity Fast Begins (Eastern Orthodox Christianity)
November 21	Presentation of the Theotokos to the Temple (Eastern Orthodox Christianity)
November 24	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Day of Covenant (Baha'ism) ▪ Martyrdom of Guru Tegh Bahadur (Sikhism)
November 28	Ascension of 'Abdul'l Baha (Baha'ism)
November 30	First Sunday of Advent (Christianity)

December 2025

Date	Observance
December 8	<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Immaculate Conception (Roman Catholicism)▪ Bodhi Day (Buddhism)
December 14-22	Hanukkah (Judaism)

January 2026

Date	Observance
January 1	Solemnity of Mary (Roman Catholicism)
January 6	<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Feast of Epiphany (Roman Catholicism)▪ Nativity of Christ (Armenian Orthodox Christianity)▪ Birthday of Guru Gobind Singh Sahib (Sikhism)
January 7	Feast of the Nativity (Eastern Orthodox Christianity)
January 13	Maghi-Lori (Sikhism)
January 14	Makar Sankranti and Pongal (Hinduism)
January 16	Lailat al Miraj (Islam)
January 18	World Religion Day (Baha'i)
January 19	Feast of Theophany (Eastern Orthodox Christianity)
January 23	Vasant Panchami (Hinduism)

February 2026

Date	Observance
February 2	Tu B'shvat (Judaism)
February 3	Lailat al Bara'ah (Islam)
February 5	Jonah's Passover (Eastern Orthodox Christianity)

February 15	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The Presentation of Our Lord Christ in the Temple (Eastern Orthodox Christianity) ▪ Nirvana Day (Buddhism)
February 17	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Chinese/Lunar New Year (Confucian, Daoist, Buddhist)
February 18	Ash Wednesday (Christianity)
February 18 – March 18	Ramadan (Islam)
February 23	Clean Monday (Eastern Orthodox Christianity)
February 25-March 1	Intercalary Days (Baha'ism)
February 28	Govinda Dwadashi (Hinduism)

March 2026

Date	Observance
March 3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Holika Dahan (Hinduism) ▪ Purim (Judaism)
March 4	Holi (Hinduism)
March 4-6	Hola Mohalla (Sikhism)
March 10	Govinda Dwadashi (Hinduism)
March 15	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Laylatul Qadr (Islam) ▪ Meena Sankranti (Hinduism)
March 19-27	Navaratri (Hinduism)
March 20	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Naw-Ruz (Baha'ism) ▪ Nowruz (Zoroastrianism) ▪ Souramana Yugadi (Hinduism) ▪ Chandramana Yugadi (Hinduism)
March 20-22	Eid-al-Fitr (Islam)
March 25	Annunciation of the Theotokos (Eastern Orthodox Christianity)
March 26	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Khordad Sal (Zoroastrianism) ▪ Ramnavami (Hindu)
March 27	The Last Friday of the Great Lent (Eastern Orthodox Christianity)
March 29	Palm Sunday (Christianity)

April 2026

Date	Observance
April 1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Hanuman Jayanti (Hinduism) ▪ Prakash Guru Tegh Bahadur Ji (Sikhism)
April 1-9	Passover (Judaism)
April 2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Theravadin New Year (Buddhist) ▪ Holy Thursday (Christianity) Lord's Evening Meal (Jehovah's Witnesses)
April 2-8	Passover/Days of Unleavened Bread (Church of God and Saints of Christ)
April 3	Good Friday (Christianity)
April 4	Lazarus Saturday (Eastern Orthodox Christianity)
April 5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Easter Sunday (Christianity) ▪ Palm Sunday (Eastern Orthodox Christianity)
April 6	Easter Monday (Christianity)
April 7	The Annunciation of the Theotokos (Eastern Orthodox Christianity)
April 8	Last Day of Unleavened Bread (Church of God)
April 9	Holy Thursday (Eastern Orthodox Christianity)
April 10	Good Friday (Eastern Orthodox Christianity)
April 12	Easter Sunday (Eastern Orthodox Christianity)
April 13	Bright Monday (Eastern Orthodox Christianity)
April 14	Vaisakhi (Sikhism)
April 20	First Day of Ridvan (Baha'ism)
April 22	Yom Ha'Azmaut (Judaism)
April 25	The 11 th Panchen Lama's Birthday (Buddhism)
April 29	Ninth Day of Ridvan (Baha'i)

May 2026

Date	Observance
May 1	Viskha Puja (Buddhism)
May 2	Twelfth Day of Ridvan (Baha'ism)
May 5	Lag B'Omer (Judaism)