

December 2016 MULTIFAITH CALENDAR

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
* Holy days usually begin at sundown the day before this date.	** Local or regional customs may use a variation of this date.	***This calendar uses information adapted from the Anti-Defamation League's No Place for Hate Cultural and Religious Calendar as well as the BBC's Multifaith Calendar, Interfaith Calendar's calendars, and various other sources.		1  World Aids Day	2	3
4  Chango feast day	5	6	7	8  Bodhi Day ** Immaculate Conception of Mary	9	10
11	12  Our Lady of Guadalupe	13  Mawlid El-Nabi**	14	15  Bill of Rights Day	16	17  Babalu Aye feast day
18	19	20	21  Solstice Yule Tohji-Taisai	22	23  Human Light	24  Christmas Eve
25  Christmas Hanukkah*	26  Kwanzaa Zarathosht Diso Hanukkah	27  Kwanzaa Hanukkah	28  Kwanzaa Hanukkah	29  Wounded Knee Day Hanukkah	30  Kwanzaa Hanukkah	31  Watch Night Kwanzaa Hanukkah

BABALU AYE FEAST DAY (Santeria) syncretized as Saint Lazarus. This deity deals with the diseases of sexual transmission, skin, leprosy, & small pox, in general terms all the affections of human beings.

BILL OF RIGHTS DAY - On December 15, 1791, the ten original amendments of the United States Constitution became effective

CHANGO FEAST DAY (Santeria) syncretized as Saint Barbara. He rules over fire and thunder and lightning. He is a master dancer also a master drummer and could be considered the Casanova of the Orishas.

CHRISTMAS EVE (Christian) day of preparation for Christmas day, the day of Jesus' birth in Bethlehem.

CHRISTMAS (Christian /Orthodox Christian) - December 25. Commemorates the birth of Jesus.

HUMANLIGHT (Atheist/Humanist) - Celebration of a humanist view of the future in which all people act justly and morally in a peaceful world

KWANZAA -7-day celebration of African-American values and traditions and their continued vitality. "Kwanzaa," in Kiswahili, means "first fruits of the harvest."

MAWLID EL-NABI (MILAD UN NABI) (Islamic) commemoration of the birthday of Prophet Muhammad, founder of Islam, in about 570 c.e. Not universally observed. The prophet's teachings are read and religious meetings are held. Shia and Sunni celebrate on separate days

OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE (Christian) Fiestas commemorate the day in December 1531, when the Blessed Virgin Mary/Tonansin appeared before the Indian Juan Diego. Celebrated throughout many Latino/Hispanic communities.

TOHJI-TAISAI (Shinto) This day marks the decline in the sun's presence, depicted as the Japanese sun goddess, Amaterasu, who withdrew into a cave in reaction to the rash behavior of the storm god Susano-o. Because rice and other crops wouldn't grow in her absence the other gods needed to entice her back out

WORLD AIDS DAY International day of action on HIV and AIDS.

WOUNDED KNEE DAY - Observance of the anniversary of the massacre of more than 250 Sioux Indians at Wounded Knee, South Dakota, in 1890.

YULE / WINTER SOLSTICE (Pagan) celebration focusing on rebirth, renewal, and new beginnings as the sun makes way back to the earth

ZARATHOSHT DISO ** (Zoroastrian) anniversary of the death of Prophet Zarathustra.