



OBSERVANCES AND RELIGIOUS HOLIDAYS

MAY 2024

OBSERVANCES

May Day/Beltane: May Day is an international holiday celebrated on **May 1**. In the US and many other countries May Day has a close connection to Labor day and International Worker's Day. Some European countries, such as the UK, associate May Day more with paganism and the ancient celebration of Beltane, a Gaelic festival.

National Day of Prayer: People from different faiths are called to pray for the United States and its leaders.

Cinco De Mayo: Mexican Americans celebrate this day to honor their ethnicity and remember the defeat of the French army by the Mexican army during the Battle of Puebla in Mexico in 1862.

Yom HaShoah: International Holocaust Remembrance Day, or Holocaust Day.

Ascension Day: As per Christian belief, Ascension Day marks day 40 after Jesus Christ's Resurrection — counting Easter Day as day one — and is the day Christ ascended into heaven. This day is very important for Christians, ranking right up there with other Christian festivals like Christmas, Easter and Pentecost.

Mother's Day: A time to honor mothers, grandmothers and great-grandmothers for their contribution to family and society.

Brown V. Board of Education 70th Anniversary: The U.S. Supreme Court declared that segregation in schools was unconstitutional.

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Pentecost: A Christian holy day known also as Whit Sunday, White Sunday and Whitsun commemorating the descent of the Holy Spirit on the Apostles and followers of Jesus Christ in Jerusalem according to Acts 2:1-31.

Trinity Sunday: A day in the Christian faith that celebrates the three personifications of God (the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit).

Declaration of the Bab: The Bahá'í Faith recognizes the Declaration of the Báb as a pivotal event in religious history, signifying the end of one era and the beginning of a new one. The Bahá'í community commemorates this declaration annually on the 23rd of May, known as the Declaration of the Báb, as one of its holy days.

Birthday of Buddha: The day that Buddhists celebrate Buddha's birthday.

Vesak: The most important Theravada Buddhist festival that signifies the birth, enlightenment and death of the Buddha.

Memorial Day: A day which honors those who died serving in the United States military.

Senate passed the Voting Rights Act of 1965.

Feast of Corpus Christi: The feast day that commemorates the real presence of Jesus's body in the Eucharist in the Roman Catholic Church. The feast is liturgically celebrated on the Thursday after Trinity Sunday or "where the Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ is not a holy day.