

Religious Holidays Fall/Spring '26-'27

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 2026

Date	Observance
August 26	Onam (Hinduism)
August 27	Ullambana (Buddhism)

September 2026

Date	Observance
September 1	Ecclesiastical Year Begins (Eastern Orthodox Christianity)
September 8	Nativity of the Theotokos (Eastern Orthodox Christianity)
September 11 – September 13	Rosh Hashana (Judaism)
September 12	Feast of Trumpets (Church of God, Philadelphia Church of God)
September 14	- Ganesha Cathurti (Hindu) - The Elevation of the Holy Cross (Eastern Orthodox Christianity)
September 21	- Day of Atonement (Christianity) - Yom Kippur (Judaism)
September 22	Jyoti Jot Guru Nanak Dev Ji (Sikhism)

September 25	Day of Atonement (Christian, Church of God, Philadelphia Church of God)
September 26-October 2	• Sukkot (Judaism) • Feast of Tabernacles (Church of God, Philadelphia Church of God)

October 2026

Date	Observance
October 2	• Last Great Day (Church of God, Philadelphia Church of God) • Sh'mini Atzeret (Judaism)
October 4	Simchat Torah (Judaism)
October 20	Installation of the Scriptures as Guru Granth (Sikhism)

November 2026

Date	Observance
November 1	All Saints' Day (Roman Catholicism)
November 2	All Souls' Day/Dia de los Muertos (Roman Catholicism)
November 8	• Diwali (Hindu, Jain, Puja, and Deepavali) • Bandi Chhor Diwas (Sikh)
November 9	Goverdha Puja (Hinduism)
November 10	Birth of B'ab (Baha'ism)
November 11	Birth of Baha'u'llah (Baha'ism)
November 15	Nativity Fast Begins (Eastern Orthodox Christianity)
November 21	Presentation of the Theotokos to the Temple (Eastern Orthodox Christianity)
November 24	▪ Guru Nanak Dev Ji Birthday (Sikhism) ▪ Martyrdom of Guru Tegh Bahadur (Sikhism)

November 26	Day of Covenant (Baha'ism)
November 28	Ascension of 'Abdul'l Baha (Baha'ism)
November 29	First Sunday of Advent (Christianity)

December 2026

Date	Observance
December 5-12	Hanukkah (Judaism)
December 8	- Immaculate Conception (Roman Catholicism) - Bodhi Day (Buddhism)

January 2027

Date	Observance
January 1	Solemnity of Mary (Roman Catholicism)
January 3-10	Holy Convocation (Church of God and Saints of Christ)
January 5	- Birthday of Guru Gobind Singh Ji (Sikhism) - Lailat al Miraj (Islam)
January 6	- Feast of Epiphany (Roman Catholicism) - Nativity of Christ (Armenian Orthodox Christianity)
January 7	Feast of the Nativity (Eastern Orthodox Christianity)
January 13	Maghi-Lori (Sikhism)
January 14	Makar Sankranti and Pongal (Hinduism)
January 15	Birthday of Guru Gobind Singh Sahib (Sikhism)
January 17	World Religion Day (Baha'ism)
January 19	Feast of Theophany (Eastern Orthodox Christianity)
January 23	Tu B'shvat (Judaism)
January 24	Lailat al Bara'ah (Islam)

February 2026

Date	Observance
February 2	The Presentation of Our Lord Christ in the Temple (Eastern Orthodox Christian)
February 6	Chinese/Lunar New Year (Confucian, Daoist, Buddhist)
February 8 – March 8	Ramadan (Islam)
February 10	Ash Wednesday (Christianity)
February 11	Vasant Panchami (Hinduism)
February 15	Nirvana Day (Buddhism)
February 25	Jonah's Passover (Eastern Orthodox Church)
February 25-March 1	Intercalary Days (Baha'ism)

March 2026

Date	Observance
March 6	• Laylatul Qadr (Islam) • Maha Shivaratri (Hinduism)
March 9-10	Eid-al-Fitr (Islam)
March 15	▪ Clean Monday (Eastern Orthodox Christianity) ▪ Meena Sankranti (Hinduism)
March 19	Govinda Dwadashi (Hinduism)
March 20	Nowruz (Zoroastrianism)
March 21	▪ Holika Dahan (Hinduism) ▪ Palm Sunday (Christianity) ▪ Naw-Ryz (Baha'ism)
March 22	Lord's Evening Meal (Jehovah's Witnesses)
March 23	• Purim (Judaism) • Holi (Hinduism) • Hola Mohalla (Sikhism)

March 25	• Holy Thursday (Christian) • Annunciation of the Theotokos (Eastern Orthodox Christianity)
March 26	▪ Khordad Sal (Zoroastrianism) ▪ Good Friday (Christianity)
March 28	Easter (Christian)
March 29	Easter Monday (Christian)

April 2026

Date	Observance
April 7	Chandramana Yugadi (Hinduism)
April 7 – 15	Chaitra Navratri (Hinduism)
April 13	Theravadin New Year (Buddhist)
April 13-20	Memorial of the Feast of the Lord's Passover (Church of God and Saints of Christ)
April 14	▪ Souramana Yugadi (Hinduism) ▪ Vaisakhi (Sikhism)
April 15	Ramnavami (Hinduism)
April 18	Prakash Guru Tegh Bahadur Ji (Sikhism)
April 19	Mahavir Jayanti (Jainism)
April 20	▪ Passover (United Church of God) ▪ Hanuman Jayanti (Hinduism)
April 22	• First Day of Ridvan (Baha'ism) ▪ First Day of Unleavened Bread (Church of God)
April 22-28	• Passover/Days of Unleavened Bread (Church of God and Saints of Christ) ▪ Memorial Feast of the Lord's Passover and Days of Unleavened Bread (Church of God and Saints of Christ)
April 22-29	Passover (Judaism)
April 24	Lazarus Saturday (Eastern Orthodox Christianity)

April 25	• Palm Sunday (Eastern Orthodox Christianity) • The 11th Panchen Lama's Birthday (Buddhism)
April 28	Last Day of Unleavened Bread (Church of God)
April 29	• Ninth Day of Ridvan (Baha'i) • Holy Thursday (Eastern Orthodox Christianity)
April 30	• Good Friday (Eastern Orthodox Christianity) • The Last Friday of the Great Lent (Eastern Orthodox Christianity)

May 2026

Date	Observance
May 2	• Twelfth Day of Ridvan (Baha'ism) • Easter Sunday (Eastern Orthodox Christianity)
May 3	Bright Monday (Eastern Orthodox Christianity)
May 6	Ascension of Our Lord (Christianity)
May 12	Yom Ha'Azmout (Judaism)
May 15	Hajj Day (Islam)
May 16	Pentecost (Christianity)