

# HOLY DAYS CALENDAR 2025 - 2029

As there are an abundance of spiritual and religious traditions represented at DePauw University, there are a multitude of sacred days observed throughout the world every week. The following is a small selection of major holy days and celebrations. For campus policies and practices regarding holiday observances for DPU students, staff, and faculty, see "Religious Holy Days" in the Academic Handbook and/or contact the **Center for Spiritual Life** at (765) 658-6768 or [spirituallife@depauw.edu](mailto:spirituallife@depauw.edu).

## Work Restricting

Those observing may be required to attend worship service and not permitted to engage in daily activities (e.g., work or school) – including taking exams or other routine commitments.

## Traveling Home

While this day may not be work restricted, it may be a holy day or celebration individuals want to spend with their families or faith communities.

## Involves Fasting
















Those observing may abstain from eating and drinking, either completely or from certain foods, for a period of time (e.g., sunrise to sunset).

*Dates may vary by country or custom*




*\*Observances begin at sundown the day before*

*Please note: Recognizing that Muslim-majority countries use a variety of methods to determine the timing of Islamic holidays, the Center for Spiritual Life observes holy days in conjunction with the Islamic Society of North America (ISNA).*

















## Fall Semester

HOLIDAY	OBSERVANT	2025-2026	2026-2027	2027-2028	2028-2029	NOTES
Assumption of Mary	Christianity	8/15	8/15	8/15	8/15	
Rosh Hashanah	Judaism	*9/23-24	*9/12-13	*10/2-3	*9/21-22	 
Yom Kippur	Judaism	*10/2	*9/21	*10/11	*9/30	  
Sukkot	Judaism	*10/7-13	*9/26 - 10/2	*10/16-22	*10/5-11	 
Shemini Atzeret & Simchat Torah	Judaism	*10/14-15	*10/3-4	*10/23-24	*10/12-13	 
Sharada Navratri	Hinduism/Jainism/ Sikhism/ Buddhism	9/22 - 10/11	10/11-20	9/30-10/9	9/19-9/28	
All Saints' Day	Christianity	11/1	11/1	11/1	11/1	
All Souls' Day	Christianity	11/2	11/2	11/2	11/2	
Diwali	Hinduism/Jainism/ Sikhism/ Buddhism	10/20	11/8	10/29	10/17	
Advent	Christianity	11/30 - 12/24	11/29 - 12/24	11/28 - 12/24	12/3-24	
Immaculate Conception	Christianity	12/8	12/8	12/8	12/8	
Hanukkah	Judaism	*12/15-22	*12/5-12	*12/25 - 1/1	*12/13-20	
Christmas	Christianity	*12/25	*12/25	*12/25	*12/25	
Kwanzaa	Pan-Africanism	12/26 - 1/1	12/26 - 1/1	12/26 - 1/1	12/26 - 1/1	

## Winter Term

HOLIDAY	OBSERVANT	2025-2026	2026-2027	2027-2028	2028-2029	NOTES
Solemnity of Mary Mother of God	Christianity	1/1	1/1	1/1	1/1	
Lunar/Chinese New Year	Confucianism/Daoism/ Buddhism	2/17	2/6	1/26	2/13	 

## Spring Semester

HOLIDAY	OBSERVANT	2025-2026	2026-2027	2027-2028	2028-2029	NOTES
Ash Wednesday	Christianity	2/18	2/10	3/1	2/14	
Lent	Christianity	2/18 – 4/1	2/10 – 3/24	3/1 – 4/12	2/14 – 3/28	
Nineteen Day Fast	Bahá'í	*3/2-20	*3/2-20	*3/1-19	*3/1-19	
Ramadan	Islam	*2/18 – 3/19	*1/9 – 2/7	*1/28 – 2/25	*1/16 –2/13	
Purim	Judaism	*3/3	*3/23	*3/12	*3/1	
Holi	Hinduism	*3/4	*3/23	*3/11	*3/1	
Holy Thursday	Christianity	4/2	3/25	4/13	3/29	
Good Friday	Christianity	4/3	3/26	4/14	3/30	
Holy Saturday	Christianity	4/4	3/27	4/15	3/31	
Easter	Christianity	4/5	3/28	4/16	4/1	 
Buddha's Birthday	Buddhism	4/8	4/8	4/8	4/8	
Eid al-Fitr	Islam	*3/20	*2/8	*2/26	*2/14	 
Passover	Judaism	*4/2-9	*4/22-29	*4/11-18	*3/31 – 4/7	  
Holy Friday	Christianity: Eastern Orthodox	4/10	4/30	4/14	4/6	
Pascha (Easter)	Christianity: Eastern Orthodox	4/12	5/2	4/16	4/8	 
Declaration of the Báb	Bahá'í	5/23-24	5/23-24	5/22-23	5/22-23	
Shavuot	Judaism	*5/22-23	*6/11-12	*5/31 – 6/1	*5/20-21	