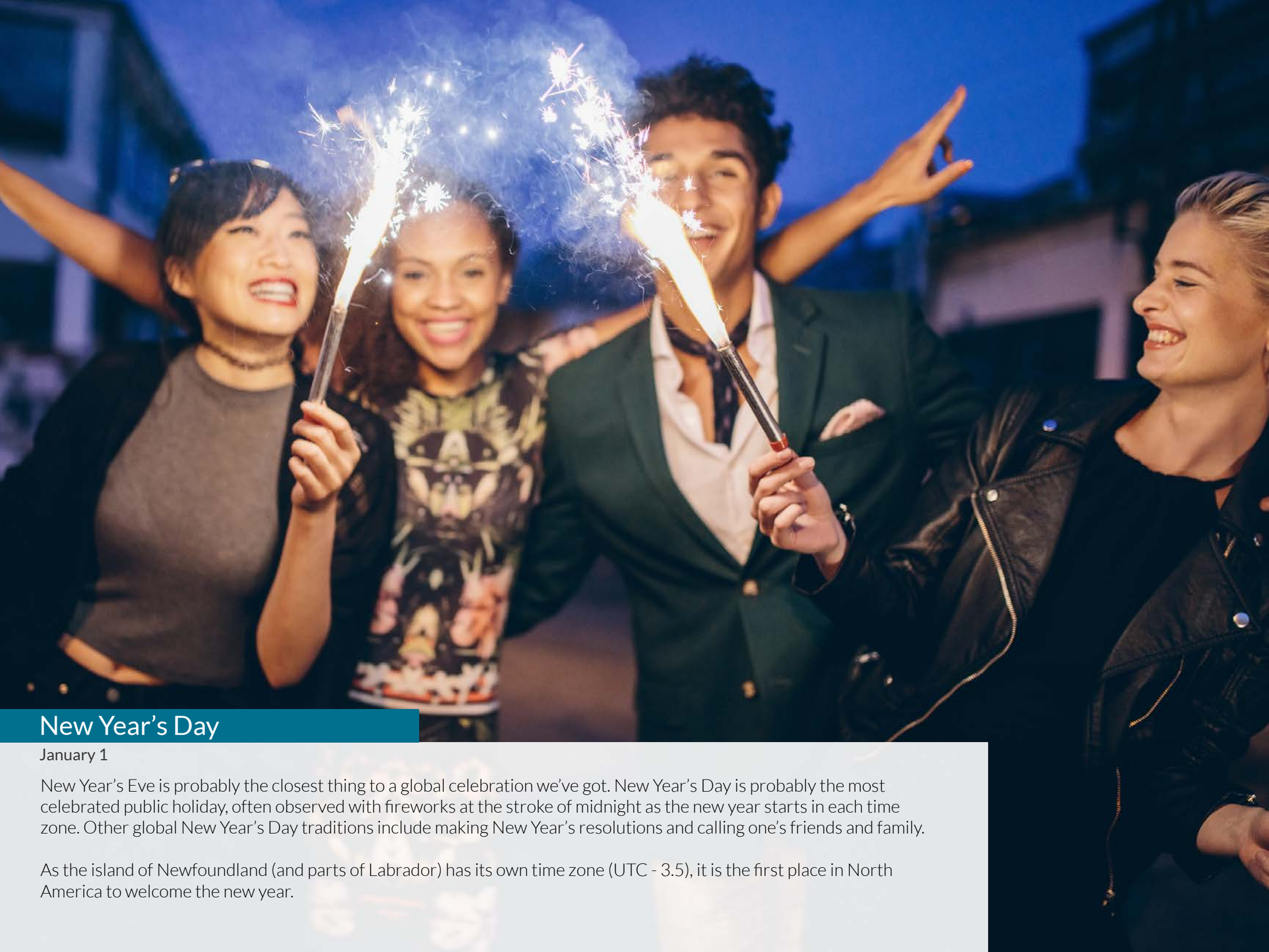


Celebrating Purim, one of the most joyous holidays on the Jewish calendar (February 28 – March 1).

2018 Diversity Calendar

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New Year's Day

January 1

New Year's Eve is probably the closest thing to a global celebration we've got. New Year's Day is probably the most celebrated public holiday, often observed with fireworks at the stroke of midnight as the new year starts in each time zone. Other global New Year's Day traditions include making New Year's resolutions and calling one's friends and family.

As the island of Newfoundland (and parts of Labrador) has its own time zone (UTC - 3.5), it is the first place in North America to welcome the new year.

January 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
31	1 New Year's Day International	2 Mahayana New Year Buddhist	3	4	5 Bodhi Day Buddhist Birthday of Guru Gobind Singh Sikh	6 Epiphany/Three Kings Day/Orthodox Christmas Christian
7 Baptism of the Lord Jesus Christian	8	9	10	11	12	13 Lohri Hindu, Sikh
14 Makar Sankranti Hindu	15 Martin Luther King Jr. Day International	16	17	18	19 Timkat Christian	20
21	22 Vasant Panchami Hindu	23	24 Bodhi Day Buddhist	25	26	27 Holocaust Remembrance Day International
28	29	30	31 Tu BiShvat Jewish	1	2	3

February 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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25	26	27	28	1	2	3

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Lunar / Chinese New Year

February 16

Lunar New Year is an occasion for Chinese families to gather for the annual reunion dinner. Windows and doors are decorated with red colour paper-cuts and couplets with popular themes of “good fortune” or “happiness,” “wealth,” and “longevity.” Other activities include lighting firecrackers and giving money in red paper envelopes.

To learn more about celebrations in Newfoundland and Labrador, please visit the Chinese Association of Newfoundland and Labrador website: canl.ca

February 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
28	29	30	31	1	2 Candlemas Christian Groundhog Day International	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13 Shrove Tuesday Christian	14 Maha Shivaratri Hindu Ash Wednesday Christian Lenten Season Christian (Feb. 14 - Mar. 29)	15 Nirvana Day Buddhist Flag Day Canada	16 Lunar New Year/ Chinese New Year Southeast Asia /China	17
18	19	20	21 International Mother Language Day United Nations	22	23	24
25 Intercalary Days Bahá'í (Feb. 25 - March 1)	26	27	28 Purim Jewish (Feb. 28 - March 1)	1	2	3

March 2018

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February is Black History Month

This observance began as a month for remembering important people and events in the history of the African diaspora.

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Multiculturalism Week

March 18-24

Multiculturalism strengthens our province and puts us on the map as a society that values inclusion and cultural diversity, something every Newfoundlander and Labradorian can be proud of. Multiculturalism Week is the third week in March.

To learn more, please visit the Office of Immigration and Multiculturalism website: nlimmigration.ca

March 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
28	29	30	31	1 Holi Hindu (March 1 - 2) Les Rendez-vous de la francophonie (March 1 - 21)	2	3
4	5	6	7	8 International Women's Day Hindu	9	10
11	12 Commonwealth Day International	13	14	15	16	17 International Day Against Homophobia and Transphobia St. Patrick's Day International
18 Multiculturalism Week Newfoundland and Labrador (March 18 - 24) Hindu New Year Hindu	19 St. Joseph's Day Christian	20 Ostara Neo-Pagan	21 Naw Ruz Bahá'í Persian New Year Iranian International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination International	22	23	24
25 Holy Week Christian (March 25 - 31) Palm Sunday Christian	26 Ramanavami Hindu	27	28	29 Maundy Thursday Christian	30 Good Friday Christian	31 International Transgender Day of Visibility Pesach/Passover Jewish (Mar. 31 – Apr. 7) Magha Puja Day Buddhist Hanuman Jayanti Hindu Lord's Evening Meal Jehovah's Witness

April 2018

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29	30	1	2	3	4	5

March is Women's History Month

This observance is an annually declared month which highlights the contributions of women in history and contemporary society.

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Baisakhi, Vaishakhi

April 14

Baisakhi, Vaishakhi is a historical and religious festival in Sikhism and Hinduism.
Usually celebrated on April 13 or 14 each year, Vaisakhi marks the Sikh new year and commemorates the formation of the Khalsa panth of warriors under Guru Gobind Singh in 1699.

For more information on other Sikh holidays and observations, please contact the Newfoundland Sikh Society at 709-754-7454.

April 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Easter Sunday Christian	2 Easter Monday Christian	3	4	5	6 Holy Friday Orthodox Christian National Tartan Day Scottish	7
8 Pascha/Orthodox Easter Orthodox Christian Divine Mercy Sunday Christian Vesak – Buddhist	9	10	11	12 Yom HaShoah Jewish	13 Laylat al-Mi'raj Muslim	14 Baisakhi/Vaisakhi Sikh
15	16	17 Yom Ha'Atzmaut Jewish (April 17 - April 18)	18	19	20 Chinese Language Day United Nations	21 First Day of Ridvan Bahá'í
22	23 English Language Day United Nations St. George's Day Christian	24	25	26	27 National Day of Silence LGBTQ and Allies	28
29 Ninth Day of Ridvan Bahá'í Visakha Puja – Buddha Day Buddhist	30 St. James The Great Day Orthodox Christian Theravadin New Year Buddhist (April 30 - May 2)	1	2	3	4	5

May 2018

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Ramadan

May 15-June 14

Ramadan is the ninth of twelve months in the Islamic calendar. The dates are based on the lunar cycle, so they change each year. During this month, devout Muslims fast from the break of dawn until dusk, and break their fast with family and friends.

To learn more about Ramadan and other Muslim holidays and observations, please visit the Muslim Association of Newfoundland and Labrador website: manal.ca

May 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
29	30	1 May Day (International Worker's Day) International Lailat al bara'ah Muslim	2 Twelfth Day of Ridvan (Last Day) Bahá'í	3 Lag B'omer Jewish	4	5 Cinco de Mayo Mexico
6	7	8	9	10 Ascension Thursday Christian	11	12 Yom Yerushalayim Jewish (May 12 -13)
13 Mother's Day	14	15 Ramadan begins Muslim (May 15 - June 14)	16	17 International Day Against Homophobia and Transphobia	18	19
20 Pentecost (Whit Sunday) Christian Shavuot Jewish (May 20 - 21)	21 Victoria Day International World Day for Cultural Diversity for Dialogue and Development United Nations	22	23	24 Declaration of the Báb Bahá'í	25	26
27 Trinity Sunday Christian	28 Vesak Hindu Memorial Day Holiday USA	29 Ascension of Baha'u'llah Bahá'í	30 Provincial Francophonie Day Newfoundland and Labrador	31 Corpus Christi Christian	1	2

June 2018

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May is Asian Heritage Month

This celebration centers around the many achievements and contributions of Canadians of Asian heritage.

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World Refugee Day

June 20

World Refugee Day is observed internationally each year on June 20. This day is dedicated to raising awareness of the situation of refugees throughout the world.

To learn more about how refugees are resettled to Canada, please visit the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees website: unhcr.ca

June 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
27	28	29	30	31	1	2 All Saints Orthodox Christian
3	4	5	6	7	8 Sacred Heart of Jesus Catholic Christian	9
10	11 Laylat al Kadr Muslim	12 Philippine Independence Day Filipino	13	14 Eid-al-Fitr (End of Ramadan) Muslim	15	16 Martyrdom of Guru Arjan Dev Sahib
17 Father's Day	18	19	20 Waqf al Arafa – Hajj Day Muslim World Refugee Day United Nations	21 First Nations Day Canada International Day of Yoga United Nations	22	23
24 St-Jean-Baptiste Day	25	26	27	28	29 Feast Day of Saints Peter and Paul Christian	30 17th of Tammuz Jewish (June 30 - July 1)

July 2018

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29	30	31	1	2	3	4

June is National Aboriginal History Month

Started in 2009 with the passing of a unanimous motion in the House of Commons, this month honours the heritage, contributions and cultures of Indigenous people in Canada.

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Canada Day

July 1

A federal statutory holiday, Canada Day celebrates the anniversary of the July 1, 1867 enactment of the Constitution Act, uniting the three separate colonies of Canada, Nova Scotia, and New Brunswick into a single Dominion within the British Empire, called Canada. Newfoundland and Labrador joined Canada in 1949.

To learn more about Canada's heritage, please visit Heritage Canada:
canada.ca/en/canadian-heritage/services/canada-day-history.html

July 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Beaumont Hamel Memorial Day Newfoundland and Labrador Canada Day Canada	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10 Martyrdom of the Báb Bahá'í	11 St. Benedict Day Catholic Christian	12	13 Obon Buddhist (July 13 - 15)	14
15 St. Vladimir the Great Day Orthodox Christian	16 St. John's Pride Week (July 16 - 22)	17	18 Nelson Mandela Day United Nations	19	20	21 Tish'a B'av Jewish (July 21 - 22)
22	23	24 Pioneer Day Mormon Christian	25 St. James the Great Day Christian	26	27 Dharma Day Buddhist	28
29	30	31	1	2	3	4

August 2018

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July is Pride Month in Newfoundland and Labrador.
Please contact your local Pride planning committee for information on when Pride is celebrated in your community.

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Obon

August 15

Obon is an annual Buddhist event for commemorating one's ancestors. It is believed that each year during Obon, the ancestors' spirits return to this world in order to visit their relatives.

To learn more about Buddhism in Newfoundland and Labrador, please visit St. John's Shambhala Group:
stjohns.shambhala.org

August 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
29	30	31	1 Lammas Christian	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12 International Youth Day United Nations	13	14	15 Obon Japanese Buddhist Ascension of the Virgin Catholic Christian National Acadian Day	16	17	18
19 World Humanitarian Day United Nations	20	21	22 Eid-al-Adha – Holiday of Sacrifice Muslim (August 22 - 25)	23	24	25
26	27	28	29 Beheading of St. John the Baptist Christian Raksha Bandhan Hindu	30 Hajj - Pilgrimage Muslim	31	1

September 2018

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Rosh Hashanah

September 10-11

Rosh Hashanah is a two-day celebration, which begins on the first day of Tishrei. Tishrei is the first month of the Jewish civil year, but the seventh month of the ecclesiastical year.

To learn more about Judaism in Newfoundland and Labrador, please visit the Atlantic Jewish Council:
theajc.ns.ca/history/the-jewish-community-of-newfoundland

September 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
26	27	28	29	30	31	1 Religious Year Begins Orthodox Christian
2	3 Labour Day International Krishna Janmashtami Hindu	4	5	6	7	8 Nativity of Virgin Mary Christian
9	10 Rosh Hashannah Jewish (September 10 -11)	11	12 Hijra – New Year Muslim	13 Ganesh Chaturthi Hindu	14 Holy Cross Day Christian	15
16	17	18	19 Yom Kippur Jewish	20	21 Ashura Muslim International Peace Day United Nations	22
23	24 Sukkot Jewish (September 24 - 30)	25	26	27	28	29
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October 2018

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Birth of the Báb

October 20

Thousands of Bahá'í followers around the world celebrate the Birth of the Báb on October 20. Báb, which literally translates as 'the gate,' was a prophet and forerunner of the Bahá'í revelation.

To learn more about the Bahá'í faith, please visit the Spiritual Assembly of the Bahá'í of St. John's website: bahaisofstjohns.org

October 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
30	1 Shemini Atzeret Jewish International Day of Older Persons United Nations	2 Simchat Torah Jewish	3	4 St. Francis Day Catholic Christian Blessing of the Animals Christian	5	6
7	8 Thanksgiving Canada	9 Navaratri Hindu (October 9 -16)	10	11 International Day of the Girl Child United Nations	12	13
14	15	16	17	18 St. Luke, Apostle and Evangelist Christian	19 Dasara Hindu	20 Installation of the Scriptures as Guru Granth Sikh
21	22	23	24 United Nations Day United Nations	25	26	27
28 Reformation Day Protestant Christian	29	30	31 All Hallows Eve (Halloween) Christian	1	2	3

November 2018

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October is Islamic History Month and
National Women's History Month

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Diwali

November 7

Diwali is celebrated by Hindus, Jains, Sikhs and Newar Buddhists to mark different historical events and stories, but they all symbolize the victory of light over darkness, knowledge over ignorance, good over evil, hope over despair.

To learn more about Hinduism in Newfoundland and Labrador, please visit the Hindu Temple of St. John's website:
sites.google.com/site/hindutemplesj

November 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
28	29	30	31	1 All Saints Day Christian	2 All Souls Day Catholic Christian	3
4	5	6	7 Diwali Sikh/Hindu/Jain	8 Vikram New Year Hindu	9 Birth of the Báb Bahá'í	10 Birth of Baha'u'llah Bahá'í
11 Remembrance Day International	12	13	14	15 Nativity Feast Orthodox Christian (Nov. 15 - Dec. 24)	16 International Day for Tolerance United Nations	17
18	19	20 Transgender Day of Remembrance Universal Children's Day United Nations	21 Mawlid an Nabi Muslim	22 Thanksgiving USA	23 Guru Nanak Dev Sahib Birthday Sikh	24
25 Christ the King Christian	26 Day of the Covenant Bahá'í	27	28 Ascension of the 'Abdu'l-Baha Bahá'í	29	30 St. Andrew's Day Christian	1

December 2018

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Kwanzaa

December 26

Kwanzaa is a celebration that was established in the 1960s as a means to help African Americans reconnect with their African cultural and historical heritage by uniting in meditation and study of African traditions.

To learn more about other holidays celebrated by some African Canadians, please visit: caas-acea.org/

December 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
25	26	27	28	29	30	1
2 Hanukkah Jewish (Sundown, December 2 - 10) Advent Christian (December 2 - 24)	3 International Day of Persons with Disabilities United Nations	4	5	6 St. Nicholas Day Christian	7	8 Bodhi Day Buddhist Immaculate Conception of Mary Catholic Christian
9	10 Human Rights Day United Nations	11	12 Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Christian	13	14	15
16	17	18 International Migrants' Day United Nations Arabic Language Day United Nations	19	20 International Human Solidarity Day United Nations	21 Yule Christian Saint Thomas the Apostle Christian	22
23	24 Christmas Eve Christian	25 Christmas Christian Feast of the Nativity Orthodox Christian	26 St. Stephen's Day Christian Boxing Day International Kwanzaa African Canadian	27	28 Holy Innocents Christian	29
30 Holy Family Catholic Christian	31 Watch Night Christian New Year's Eve International					

January 2019

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New Year's Day

January 1

New Year's Eve is also known as Old Year's Day and is the last day of the calendar year. People around the world welcome the New Year with exciting and festive celebrations. It is a tradition for many people to make resolutions, or set goals, to improve their lives in the coming year.

On January 1, in numerous communities across Canada, people participate in "Polar Bear dips", participants run and dip into an ocean or a lake to start the year "fresh."

January 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
30	31	1 New Year's Day International	2	3 Mawlid Al Nabi Muslim	4	5 Birthday of Guru Gobind Singh Sikh
6 Epiphany/Three Kings Day Christian	7	8	9	10	11	12 Bodhi Day Buddhist
13	14 Makar Sankranti Hindu Orthodox Christmas Christian	15	16	17	18	19
20 Tu B'Shevat Jewish (Jan. 20 - 21)	21 Mahayana New Year Buddhist	22	23	24	25	26
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February 2019

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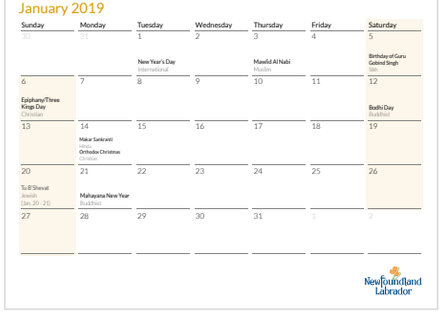


Diwali
November 7



Kwanzaa
December 26





Recognizing cultural events and holidays increases awareness of diversity in our province and helps people feel welcome.

Culture in Newfoundland and Labrador is dynamic, adaptive, and ever changing. It is based on principles of respect, equality, collaboration, and inclusive citizenship.

If you would like to propose a cultural holiday or event to include in the 2019 Diversity Calendar, please e-mail: diversity@gov.nl.ca

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