

DIVERSE-CITY CALENDAR 2015

January	Alzheimer's Awareness Month - National Ontario March of Dimes Month
1	New Year's Day Mary, Mother of God - Catholic Christian Feast of St Basil - Orthodox Christian Gantan-sai (New Year's Celebration) – Shinto Holy Name of Jesus- Orthodox Christian
3	Eid-Maulad-un-Nabi (Prophet's Birthday) – Islam
4	World Braille Day Gahambar Maidyarem (from Dec 31) - Zoroastrian
5	Twelfth Night - Christian Guru Gobindh Singh birthday – Sikh Mahayana New Year - Buddhist
6	Epiphany - Christian Feast of the Theophany - Orthodox Christian Nativity of Christ - Armenian Christian Dia de los Reyes (Three Kings Day) - Christian
7	Orthodox Christmas Day - Christian
12	Baptism of the Lord Jesus - Christian
13	Milad un Nabi (birth of the Prophet Muhammad) – Islam Seijin Shiki (Coming of Age Day) – Shinto Maghi - Sikh Lohri – Hindu, Sikh
14	Makar Sankranti – Hindu Orthodox New Year - Christian
17	Blessing of the Animals - Hispanic Catholic Christian Raoul Wallenberg Day (National)
18	World Religion Day - Baha'i
18-25	Week of Prayer for Christian Unity
19	Timkat - Ethiopian Orthodox Christian Martin Luther King Jr. Day
24	Vasant Panchami - Hindu
25	Robbie Burns Day Conversion of Saint Paul - Christian
27	International Day of Commemoration in Memory of the Victims of the Holocaust
26-31	International Development Week

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February	Black History Month Psychology Month
1	Four Chaplains Sunday – Interfaith Triodion begins - Christian
1-7	World Interfaith Harmony Week - International White Cane Week – National Eating Disorders Awareness Week
2	Candlemas - Christian also known as Presentation of Christ in the Temple - Anglican Christian Saint Brigid of Kildare - Celtic Christian Zaccaeus Sunday- Orthodox Christian Imbolc and Sughnassad - Wicca/Pagan - northern and southern hemispheres
3	Setsubun Sai - Shinto
4	Tu B'Shevat (Arbor Day) - Jewish
6	International Day of Zero Tolerance to Female Genital Mutilation [WHO]
9	Triodion begins – Orthodox Christian
14	Saint Valentine's Day – Christian Prodigal Son – Orthodox Christian
15	Nirvana Day – Buddhist, Jain Meatfare Sunday – Orthodox Christian
16	Canadian Heritage Day – National Family Day, Ontario Louis Riel Day – National Flag Day- National
17-21	National Francophone Week - National
17	Carnival/Shrove Tuesday – Christian Maha Shivaratri - Hindu
18	Ash Wednesday (Lent Begins) - Christian
19	Chinese New Year - Confucian, Daoist, Buddhist
20	World Day of Social Justice - International
21	International Mother Language Day [UNESCO]
22	Cheesefare Sunday – Orthodox Christian
23	Clean Monday – Lent begins – Orthodox Christian
25	Pink Shirt Day (Anti bullying)
26 - March 1	Intercalary Days - Baha'i

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March	
1	Saint David of Wales Day - Christian Self-Injury Awareness Day- International Orthodox Sunday - Orthodox
2-20	Ala - Baha'i
5	Purim - Jewish Magha Puja Day - Buddhist
	Holi - Hindu Hola Mohalla - Sikh
6 - 22	National Francophonie Week
8	International Women's Day
13	L. Ron Hubbard birthday - Scientology
14	Nanakshahi New Year - Sikh
15	Transfiguration Sunday – Christian
16-20	Gahambar Maidyoshem - Zoroastrian
17	St Patrick's Day
19	Saint Joseph's Day - Christian
20	International Francophonie Day Equinox First Day of Spring Ostara - Wicca - Northern Hemisphere Mabon - Wicca - Southern Hemisphere
21	International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination International Day of Norouz (New Year) - Persian/Zoroastrian, Baha'i Hindu New Year - Hindu World Down Syndrome Day
21-27	Ramayana - Hindu
22-28	Week of Solidarity with the Peoples Struggling against Racism and Racial Discrimination (International)
24	International Day for the Right to the Truth concerning Gross Human Rights Violations and for the Dignity of Victims
25	Annunciation of the Virgin Mary - Catholic Christian International Day of Remembrance of the Victims of Slavery and the Transatlantic Slave Trade
26	Khordad Sal (Birth of Prophet Zaranhushtra) Zoroastrian
28	Rama Navami - Hindu
29	Palm Sunday - Christian

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April	Multicultural Communications Month
2	World Autism Awareness Day - International Holy Thursday – Christian Mahavir Jayanti - Jain
3	Good Friday - Christian
4-11	Passover - Jewish
4	Holy Saturday – Christian Hanuman Jayanti - Hindu Therevadin New Year - Buddhist
5	Qingming - Chinese traditional Easter Sunday - Christian
6	Organization of the Church – Mormon Easter Monday – Christian National Tartan Day - Observance
7	World Health Day - WHO Vimy Ridge Day - Observance
8	Day of Pink – City of Ottawa Event
9	Maundy Thursday – Orthodox Christian
10	Good Friday – Orthodox Christian
11	Holy Saturday – Orthodox Christian
12	Easter Sunday - Orthodox Christian
13	Songkran – Buddhist New Year in South-East Asia Baisakhi New Year- Sikh
15	Lord's Evening Meal - Jehovah's Witness Christian
16	Yom Hashoah - Jewish
17	Global Youth Service Day – International EARN Conference – City of Ottawa Event
21-May 2	Feast of Ridvan - Baha'i
21	Groundation Day - Rastafarian
22	Earth Day - International
23	Saint George's Day – Christian Yom HaAtzmaut – Jewish Visakha Puja Buddha Day – Buddhist
28	Jamal - Baha'i National Day of Mourning- Rembering those lost or injured in the Workplace
29	Day of Remembrance for all Victims of Chemical Warfare
30 – May 4	Gahambar Maidyozarem - Zoroastrian

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May	Asian/ Pacific Heritage Month - National Speech & Hearing Awareness Month – National Sexual Abuse/Assault Prevention Month – Ontario Vision Health Month - National
Week 1	Youth Week – National
1	International Workers Day (May Day) – International Beltane - Samhain - Wicca Northern and Southern hemispheres
2	Twelfth Day of Ridvan - Baha'i
3-8	North American Occupational Health and Safety Week
4-10	Mental Health Week - National
4	Wesak - Buddhist
5	International Day of the Midwife
7	Lag B'Omer - Jewish
5-9	Hunger Awareness Week
10	World Fair Trade Day Mother's Day - National
14	Ascension Day - Christian
15	International Day of Families
16	Lailat al Miraj – Muslim
17	International Day Against Homophobia and Transphobia
18	Victoria Day
21	World Day for Cultural Diversity for Dialogue and Development- International Ascension Day – Orthodox Christian
21 – 24	Aboriginal Awareness Week - National
23	Declaration of the Bab - Baha'i
23-25	Shavuot - Jewish
24	Pentecost – Christian
25	Whit Monday - Christian
25-31	Week of Solidarity with the Peoples of Non-Self-Governing Territories
29	Ascension of Baha'u'llah - Baha'i
31	Trinity Sunday – Christian

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June	Aboriginal History Month – National Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgendered (LGBT) Pride Month - National Deaf-Blind Awareness Month - Ontario Brain Injury Awareness Month – National International Men's Health Month
1	Global Day of Parents Intergenerational Day – National
3	Lailat al Bara'ah – Islam
4	Corpus Christi - Catholic Christian
9	Saint Columba of Iona - Celtic Christian
12	World Day Against Child Labour All Saints - Orthodox Christian World Elder Abuse Awareness Day - International
16	Martyrdom of Guru Arjan Dev - Sikh
18	Ramadan begins – Muslim
19	New Church Day - Swedenborgian Christian
20	World Refugee Day - International
21	National Aboriginal Day – City of Ottawa Event Solstice First Day of Summer Litha - Wicca Northern Hemisphere Yule - Wicca Southern Hemisphere Father's Day - National
23	International Widows' Day
24	Saint-Jean-Baptiste Day/Fête nationale du Québec – Quebec
26	International Day against Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking United Nations International Day in Support of Victims of Torture
27	Canadian Multiculturalism Day – National Sacred Heart of Jesus - Catholic Christian
28	Community Cup – City of Ottawa Event
29	Feast Day of Saints Peter and Paul - Christian
29-July 3	Gahambar Maidyoshem - Zoroastrian

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July	
1	Canada Day - National Holiday
3	St. Thomas The Apostle Day –Catholic Christian
6	Dalai Lama’s Birthday - Buddhist
9	Martyrdom of the Bab - Baha’i
13	Nunavut Day Asalha Puja Day- Buddhist
13-15	Ulambana (Obon) -Buddhist, Shinto
15	Saint Vladimir Day - Christian
18	Nelson Mandela Day - International
23	Lalat al Kadr - Islam
24	Laylat al-Qadr (Night of Destiny) – Muslim Pioneer Day - Mormon Christian
25	Birthday of Emperor Haili Selassi I - Rastafari St. James the Great Day – Christian
26	Tish’a B’Av - Jewish
29-31	Eid-al-Fitr (end of Ramadan) - Muslim

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[Holidays and observances in Canada in 2015](#)

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August	
1	Lammas (Lughnassad) - Christian, Wicca, Pagan Feast in Honour of the Holy Mother of Jesus – Orthodox Christian
6	Transfiguration of the Lord - Orthodox Christian
8	International Day of the World's Indigenous People
10	Raksha Bandhan - Hindu
12	International Youth Day 2015
15	Assumption of Blessed Virgin Mary - Catholic Christian Dormition of the Theotokos - Orthodox Christian National Acadian Day - National
17	Krishna Janmashtami - Hindu
19	World Humanitarian Day
23	International Day for the Remembrance of the Slave Trade and its abolition
24	Eid-al-Adha in Canada
29	Raksha Bandhan – Hinduism http://www.calendarlabs.com/calendars/religious/hindu-calendar.php
30	Paryushana Parva - Jain

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September	
1	Ecclesiastical Year begins - Orthodox Christian
6	Nativity of Mary - Christian
9	Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder (FASD) Awareness Day
12-16	Gahambar Paitishem - Zoroastrian
14	Elevation of the Life Giving Cross - Holy Cross Day – Christian National Grandparents' Day
14-15	Rosh Hashana - Jewish
15	International Day of Democracy Terry Fox Run - National
17	Ganesh Chaturthi - Hindu
20	Confucius' Birthday
21	World Alzheimer's Day - International United Nations: Peace and Security
23	Equinox First Day of Fall
22 -23	Yom Kippur – Jewish

29	Meskel - Ethiopian Christian
28- Oct 4	Sukkot- Jewish
29	Michael and All Angels - Christian

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October	Women's History Month - National Islamic History Month - National Learning Disabilities Awareness Month - National Healthy Workplace Month - National
1	International Day for Older Persons
2	International Day of Non-Violence
3	Waqf al Arafa - Hajj Day - Islam
4	St Francis Day - Catholic Christian
4-7	Eid-al-Adha - Muslim
5	Shmini Atzeret in Canada – Jewish
5-13	Mental Illness Awareness Week – National Simchat Torah - Jewish
6-12	Family Week - National
10	World Mental Health Day - International
11	International Day of the Girl Child
12	Thanksgiving - Canada
12-16	Gahambar Ayathrem - Zoroastrian Citizenship Week - National
14-20	ADHD Awareness Week - National
15	Last day of Sukkot - Jewish International Day of Rural Women Murrahm/Islamic Newyear – Muslim http://www.timeanddate.com/holidays/canada/muharram-new-year
16	Shmini Atzeret - Jewish
17	International Day for the Eradication of Poverty
18	Persons Day - National World Menopause Day Saint Luke – Apostle and Evangelist - Christian
19	Parvarana - Buddhism
20	Birth of the Báb - Baha'i Installation of Scriptures as Guru Granth – Sikh Durga Puja- Hindu
21-25	Diwali/Deepavali – Hindu, Jain, Sikh
22	International Stuttering Awareness Day
23	Ashura - Islam
24 - 30	Disarmament Week - International
25	Muharram/Hijra - Islamic New Year - Muslim
26	Reformation Day - Protestant Christian
28	Milvian Bridge Day - Christian
31	All Hallows Eve - Christian

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November	Diabetes Month - National
1-7	National Down Syndrome Awareness Week
1	All Saints' Day - Christian Samhain - Beltane - Wicca Northern and Southern hemispheres
2	All Souls' Day - Catholic Christian Crowning of Emperor Haile Selassiel – Rastafarian
6	Guru Nanak Dev Sahib birthday - Sikh
5-11	Veteran's Week - National
11	Remembrance Day - National
12	Birth of Baha'u'llah - Baha'i
13	World Kindness Day
15-25	Winter Lent- Orthodox Christian
16	International Day of Tolerance
15-21	Bullying Awareness Week - National
15-21	National Addictions Awareness Week
19	World Day for Prevention of Abuse and Violence against Children
20	Universal Children's Day - International Transgender Day of Remembrance - LGBT
21	Yule - Christian
23	Christ the King - Christian
24	Guru Tegh Bahadur martyrdom - Sikh
25	International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women
26	Day of Covenant - Baha'i
28	Ascension of Abdu'l-Baha - Baha'i
29	International Day of Solidarity with the Palestinian People - UN
30	Saint Andrew's Day - Christian First Sunday of Advent - Christian

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December	Universal Human Rights Month
1	World AIDS Day - International
2	United Nations International Day for the Abolition of Slavery
3	International Day of Persons with Disabilities
6	Saint Nicholas Day - Christian
8	Bodhi Day (Rohatsu) - Buddhism Feast of the Immaculate Conception - Catholic Christian
7-14	Hanukkah – Jewish
10	Human Rights Day - International
12	Our Lady of Guadalupe - Catholic Christian
13	Aga Khan's Birthday
17	First Day of Hanukkah - Jewish
18	International Migrants Day
20	International Human Solidarity Day
22	Solstice First Day of Winter
24	Last day of Advent - Christian Christmas Eve - Christian
25	Christmas - Christian
26	Death of Prophet Zarathushtra - Zoroastrian
26-Jan. 1	Kwanzaa – African-American and Pan-African Heritage Holiday
28	Holy Innocents - Christian
29	Feast of the Holy Family - Catholic Christian
31	Watch Night – Christian New Year's Eve

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