

INTERFAITH CALENDAR FOR APRIL 29-MAY 5, 2021ⁱ

One of the initiatives of the Interfaith Coalition of Washington County is a weekly Interfaith calendar - a listing of upcoming events and commemorations from religions around the world. The listing is for the week ahead -- Thursday to the following Wednesday – to raise awareness of what is going on with practices in the many faiths of our world. For suggestions or additional input, contact Ed Poling at elpoling1@gmail.com

Tuesday April 13-Thursday May 13

Ramadan—(ISLAM)-- the month of fasting (ending with Id al-Fitr on May 13 at sunset) during which physically able Muslims do not eat or drink from the first sign of dawn until sunset. A time of self-examination and religious devotion.

Tuesday, April 20-Saturday, May 1

Festival of Ridvan—(BAHA'I)—termed by Baha'u'llah the “Most Great Festival” and the “King of Festivals”, commemorates the twelve days that Baha'u'llah spent in the garden of Ridvan outside Bagdad. The festival commemorates Baha'u'llah's public declaration of His mission to His family and close followers. (The first, the ninth, and the twelfth days of Ridvan are Baha'i Holy Days on which work is suspended.

Thursday, April 29

Holy Thursday—(CHRISTIANITY, EAST)—celebrates the institution of the Lord's Supper by Jesus.

Friday, April 30

Holy Friday—(CHRISTIANITY, EAST)—commemorates the passion of Jesus Christ, i.e. his submission to death by crucifixion.

Friday, April 30-May 4

Ghambar Maidyozarem—(ZOROASTRIANISM)—celebrates the creation of sky and the harvesting of the winter crop.

Saturday, May 1

Holy Saturday—(CHRISTIANITY, EAST)

Shrimad Rajchandra Dehvilay—(JAINISM)—A prominent philosopher and scholar, this observance marks the day of His emancipation (1901).

Beltane—(WICCA)—(also called Beltain, May Eve [April 30] and May Day) celebrates the conjoining of the infinite potential of the Goddess with the life-sparking energy of the God in a sacred marriage, the basis of all creation. It is a time for balancing the feminine and masculine tides within the psyche as each celebrant prepares to participate in bringing the creative potential of the year to fruition.

Sunday, May 2

Pascha—(CHRISTIANITY, EAST)—(Orthodox Easter for Christians who follow the Julian calendar) celebrates the resurrection of Jesus. It initiates the fifty-day period culminating in Pentecost.

Month of April

Sxanel (The Bullhead Moon)—(ABORIGINAL SPIRITUALITY)—This moon represents the visibility of Sxanel or what westerners call Orion's Belt (Coast Salish).

Month of May

Penawen (Moon of the Camas Harvest)—(ABORIGINAL SPIRITUALITY)—This moon is the moon of the camas harvest. It is time to dig Klo,el (camas, a plant in the asparagus family). (Coast Salish)

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