

# **JUNE 2022**

## **MAJOR HOLY DAYS**

### **and CULTURAL OBSERVANCES**

#### **The month of June**

##### **Pride Month - LGBTQ+ Community**

The month of June commemorates the Stonewall Riots and seeks to recognize the impact LGBTQ+ people have had around the world.

#### **The month of June**

##### **Caribbean American Heritage Month – Caribbean Culture**

The month of June recognizes the significance of Caribbean culture and history in the United States.

#### **June 2**

##### **Right to Citizenship – Native American**

June 2<sup>nd</sup> celebrates the Indian Citizenship Act of 1924 when the right of citizenship was granted to all Native Americans born in the United States. However, the right to vote was not granted until 1957.

#### **June 2**

##### **Ascension Day – Coptic Orthodox Christianity**

Ascension Day marks Jesus's ascension into heaven.

#### **June 4 to June 6**

##### **Shavuot – Judaism**

Shavuot is a Jewish holiday that combines a grain harvest and the giving of the Torah on Mount Sinai.

#### **June 8**

##### **Race Unity Day – Baha'i**

Race Unity Day is a day that promotes racial harmony and understanding in the Baha'i faith.

## **June 12**

### **Loving Day – Black Americans**

Loving Day is the anniversary of a historic court decision for interracial marriage.

## **June 12**

### **Puerto Rican Day Parade – Puerto Ricans**

Puerto Rican Day is one of the largest demonstrations of cultural pride in the United States. It promotes prominent, historical figures and seeks to raise awareness of critical issues in the community.

## **June 12**

### **Trinity Sunday – Christianity**

Trinity Sunday in the Christian faith celebrates the three personifications of God (the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit).

## **June 12**

### **All Saints Day – Eastern Orthodox Christianity**

All Saints Day in the Eastern Orthodox Christianity church designates the end of the Easter season.

## **June 16**

### **Feast of Corpus Christi – Roman Catholic Church**

The Feast of Corpus Christi commemorates the real presence of Jesus's body in the Eucharist in the Roman Catholic Church.

## **June 16**

### **Martyrdom of Guru Arjan Dev Sahib - Sikhism**

June 16 is observed by Sikhs to commemorate an individual who laid down his life for his people.

## **June 19**

### **Juneteenth – Black Americans**

Juneteenth marks the anniversary of when African Americans first learned of the Emancipation Proclamation. It was more than two years after it was initially issued.

## **June 24**

### **Litha Festival – Pagan and Wiccan**

Litha is a festival that begins on the summer solstice and celebrates midsummer.

## **June 24**

### **Feast of the Sacred Heart – Roman Catholic Church**

The Feast of the Sacred Heart in the Roman Catholic Church celebrates Jesus's physical heart as a representation of his love for all humanity.

## **June 27**

### **Birthday of Helen Keller – People with Disabilities**

The Birthday of Helen Keller celebrates all people with disabilities. She was known as being both blind and deaf and was one of the 20<sup>th</sup> century's leading humanitarians and co-founder of the ACLU.

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