

## Religious, Cultural & Ethnic Holidays & Days of Observance

### June 2020

This handout is to call your attention to just some of the many nationally and internationally recognized and/or celebrated diverse days of observance and religious/ethnic holidays that fall within the month of June 2020. We invite you to share it with the students, staff, and faculty you work with across campus. For more information, feel free to visit the Multicultural Resource Calendar located on the Campus Life's Mosaic Center website:

[http://www.diversityresources.com/aa\\_gsr/index.php?key=adCaO2Shix6u](http://www.diversityresources.com/aa_gsr/index.php?key=adCaO2Shix6u)

Thank you,

The Mosaic: Center for Culture and Diversity, Interfaith Center, and Pride Center Staff

#### **June 1- Christian : Whit Monday:**

#### **June 7- Coptic Orthodox Christian, Eastern Orthodox Christian : Pentecost:**

Pentecost is observed on this day according to the Julian calendar followed by Coptic Orthodox Christians and Eastern Orthodox Christians. Observed fifty days after Easter, Pentecost commemorates the descent of the Holy Spirit upon the apostles. In the Eastern Orthodox Church, Pentecost is called Trinity Sunday and the following Sunday is All Saints Day.

#### **June 7- Christian : Trinity Sunday:**

Trinity Sunday, the first Sunday after Pentecost, celebrates the Christian doctrine of the Trinity: the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. In Eastern Christianity, Trinity Sunday is the Sunday of Pentecost.

#### **June 8- Eastern Orthodox Christian : Monday of the Holy Spirit**

#### **June 11- Roman Catholic : Feast of Corpus Christi:**

#### **June 14- Baha'i : Race Unity Day:**

Celebrated worldwide by Baha'is on the second Sunday in June, this day was inaugurated in 1957 by the Baha'i National Spiritual Assembly in the United States to promote racial harmony and understanding. Baha'u'llah, founder of the Baha'i Faith, proclaimed that humanity is a single race and called on the world to recognize the oneness of humanity to achieve peace.

**June 14- Eastern Orthodox Christian : All Saints Day:**

Eastern Orthodox Christians observe the festival of All Saints on the Sunday after Pentecost, marking the close of the Easter season.

**June 16 - Sikh : Martyrdom of Guru Arjan Dev Sahib**

Guru Arjan (1563-1606) was the first Sikh martyr and fifth of the eleven Sikh Gurus. He compiled all of the past Gurus' writings into the Guru Granth Sahib, the central religious text of Sikhism.

**June 19 - Roman Catholic : Feast of the Sacred Heart:**

This holy day, also known as the Solemnity of the Sacred Heart, is observed in the Roman Catholic Church nineteen days after Pentecost and eight days after the Feast of Corpus Christi. It always falls on a Friday, with the earliest possible date being May 29 and the latest possible date being July 2. The Mass is similar to that celebrated on Good Friday, and many devotional exercises are observed. Devotion to the Sacred Heart is one of the most popular of all devotions in the Roman Catholic Church. In Colombia, the Feast of the Sacred Heart, or Sagrado Corazon, is observed on the following Monday.

**June 20- Pagan and Wiccan : Litha begins at sundown**

The Feast of Corpus Christi (Latin for "Body of Christ") is a moveable Christian feast commemorating the Holy Eucharist. Observed on the first Thursday after Trinity Sunday, Corpus Christi mirrors Holy Thursday, the Thursday before Easter and the day on which Christians believe the first Eucharist, The Last Supper, took place.

**June 21 - Pagan and Wiccan : Litha (Summer Solstice)**

**June 29- Catholic: St. Peter and St. Paul Day**