

Diversity Calendar

June 2022

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June 4 - 6th Jewish Shavuot

A celebration of the summer harvest, 7 weeks (50 days) after Passover. Shavuot is also associated with first time the Torah was given to the Children of Israel from Mount Sinai. It is customary to read the Book of Ruth, eat dairy products on the days and light candles.

June 5th Christianity Pentecost

This is the seventh Sunday after Easter, remembering the Holy Spirit that descended on Jesus Christ and his apostles. Similarly to Shavuot, it is also a celebration of the summer harvest. Many Christians attend Church for worship. Traditionally the priests wear and decorate the altar in red.

June 12th Christianity Trinity Sunday

A celebration of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, known as Holy Trinity. It is celebrated through prayer on the first Sunday after Pentecost.

June 15th Roman Catholic St. Vladimir Day

Vladimir the Great was the Prince of Novgorod and the Great Prince of Kiev. The day is remembered in Ukraine for the Princes influence over Christianity, converting many Kingdoms into the religion.

June 16th Roman Catholic Corpus Christi

A celebration in honour of the Eucharist (thanksgiving for the Lord's Supper). The day is mostly celebrated by the Roman Catholic Church and some Anglican Churches.

June 16th Sikh Martyrdom of Guru Arjan

Guru Arjan was the fifth Guru, who was brutally killed in the month of June. In memory of this loss the Sikh offer sweet drinks and water to neighbouring communities.

June 19th American Juneteenth

On June 19, 1865, slaves in Texas and Louisiana were freed following The Emancipation Proclamation, by Abraham Lincoln in 1863. To celebrate this day, many Americans enjoy street parades, cookouts, family reunions and street fairs.

June 21st Canadian National Indigenous Peoples Day

A day for all Canadians to recognize and learn about the rich and diverse Indigenous cultures in Canada. This day was declared in 1996 and is a great opportunity for us to understand Indigenous history and heritage.

June 24th Pagan Litha/Summer Solstice

The Pagans celebrate summer solstice, which is the longest day of the year. It is celebrated in many ways, including bonfires, maypole dancing and feasts.

June is Pride Month

There are lots of celebrations around Canada, please check your local websites for more info.

Here is what's going on in Toronto:

www.pridetoronto.com

About the Calendar

This calendar shows some of the multicultural celebrations for the month of June 2022. There may be some celebrations that have not been included in this calendar and customs may vary. If you would like Afsana to add a special holiday or vary the customs, please send an email at afsana@gcmediation.com.

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