

Multifaith DEI Calendar 2023-2024
May 2024 Expanded

24 Vesak/Wesak/Buddha Day/Visakha Puja

Asian Heritage Month A month dedicated to honour and recognize the many contributions of people of Asian ethnicity to B.C. and Canada's rich cultural society.

Canadian Jewish Heritage Month: A month to celebrate the richness of Jewish culture, heritage, and history in Canada.

Date	Category	Day of Significance
May 5	Cultural	<u>Cinco de Mayo</u> A day to commemorate Mexico's defeat of the French army. Today Cinco de Mayo is celebrated in Mexico (especially in the state of Puebla), extensively in the United States and in some parts around the world, including here in Vancouver.
May 5	Cultural	<u>Dutch Heritage Day</u> Created in recognition of the sacrifices made by Canadians in the liberation of the Netherlands, as well as the contributions made to Canada by those of Dutch heritage.
May 5	Anti- Oppression Indigenous	<u>Red Dress Day</u> A day to raise awareness about missing and murdered Indigenous women and girls.
May 5-6	Faith-based Anti- oppression	<u>Yom Hashoah</u> <i>Day of (Remembrance of) the Holocaust and the Heroism</i> This annual day of remembrance of the victims of the Holocaust is observed by Jewish communities worldwide.
May 10	Anti- Oppression Indigenous	<u>Bear Witness Day</u> The Anniversary of the Canadian Human Rights Tribunal first non-compliance order called for Canada to fully implement <u>Jordan's Principle</u> by May 10, 2016. Jordan's Principle ensures First Nations children receive the services and supports they need when they need them.
May 15	Faith-based Buddhism	<u>Buddha's Birthday</u> A Buddhist celebration of the spiritual leader who launched one of the world's most popular religions.
May 17	2SLGBTQ+	<u>International Day Against Homophobia, Transphobia, and Biphobia</u> A day to recognize the courage and resilience of 2SLGBTQ+ activists of the past and present who have fought for equity and against discrimination based on

		sexual orientation, gender identity, and gender expression.
May 19-25	Anti-racism	<u>Anti-racism Awareness Week</u> A week to learn about anti-racism and the actions we can take to combat racism in all its forms.
May 21	Anti-racism	<u>World Day for Cultural Diversity for Dialogue Development</u> A United Nations day that helps communities understand the value of cultural diversity and learn how to live together in harmony.
May 23	Anti-racism	<u>Anniversary of Komagata Maru</u> On May 23, 1914, the Komagata Maru steamship arrived in Vancouver's Burrard Inlet. On board were 376 Sikhs, Muslims, and Hindus of South Asian origin and were denied entry into Canada based on racist laws.
May 23	Faith-Based Buddhism Hinduism Cultural	<u>Vesak/Wesak/Buddha Day/Visakha Puja</u> The most sacred holy day of Theravada Buddhism. Vesak is an observation of the birth, enlightenment, and death (parinirvana) of the historical Buddha.