

# Religious Observance AY 2018-2019

To create and foster an inclusive workplace please find below the AY 2018-2019 religious observance calendar created by CFV. We hope the calendar can increase awareness and help us recognize, celebrate, and welcome religious diversity at Butler University.

<b>Dates</b>	<b>Holy Day Description</b>
August 22-25, 2018*	Eid al-Adha, the second and more holy of the two major holidays celebrated around the world in Islam, a great feast that marks the end of the Hajj
September 9-11, 2018*	Rosh Hashanah, the New Year in the Jewish calendar
September 18-19, 2018*	Yom Kippur, the day of Atonement for Jewish Communities
November 7, 2018	Diwali, a festival of lights celebrated within South Asia and world wide, connected to Hinduism, Sikhism, and Jainism
December 25, 2018	Christmas, celebration of the birth of Jesus
March 6, 2019	Ash Wednesday, Christian first day of Lent
March 21, 2019	Holi, Hindu festival of colors
April 19, 2019	Good Friday, Christian observance of Jesus' death and burial
April 19-27, 2019* (Avoid exams and other programs on the evenings of 4/19 and 4/20.)	Passover, Jewish week-long observance of Exodus from Egypt, begins at sundown.
April 21, 2019	Easter, Christian celebration of Jesus Christ's resurrection
April 26, 2019	Holy Friday, Eastern Orthodox Christians
April 28, 2019	Easter, Eastern Orthodox Christians
April 14, 2019	Vaisakhi, Founding of the Sikh religion and the harvest festival of the Punjabi region of India
May 6-June 7, 2019**	Ramadan, Holy month of fasting within Islam, most Muslims will continue daily activity, but will be fasting during the day.
June 5-7, 2019**	Eid al-Fitr (Celebration at the end of Ramadan within Islam)

\*Indicates the holiday begins at sundown

\*\*Indicates the holiday date may vary by a day or two; dates are finalized leading up to the holiday

## Questions or Suggestions

Please contact the Center for Faith and Vocation for additional information or with suggestions about how we can continue to celebrate and welcome the religious diversity on our campus. Daniel Meyers, CFV Director, can be reached at [dgmeyers@butler.edu](mailto:dgmeyers@butler.edu).