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Weekly Occasions

December 1 - 24
Advent

1

World AIDS Day

An opportunity for people worldwide to unite in the fight against HIV, show their support for people living with HIV, and to commemorate those who have died.

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International Day for the Abolition of Slavery

A day to recognize the existence of modern slavery and the fact that more than 40 million people worldwide are victims.

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International Day of Persons with Disabilities

A day that aims to promote the rights and well-being of persons with disabilities in all spheres of society and development.

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Giving Tuesday

Giving Tuesday harnesses the potential of social media and the generosity of people around the world to bring about real change in their communities.

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International Volunteer Day

A unique chance for volunteers and organizations to celebrate their efforts, to share their values, and to promote their work among their communities.

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National Day of Remembrance and Action on Violence Against Women

A day to commemorate this national tragedy and reflect on the fact that violence continues to be a daily reality for many women.

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White Ribbon Day

White Ribbon is the world's largest movement of men and boys working to end violence against women and girls, promote gender equity, healthy relationships and a new vision of masculinity.

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Pansexual Pride Day

Pansexual Pride Day is the date dedicated to celebrating pansexuality which is the attraction to individuals regardless of their gender identity or sex.

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Bodhi Day

One of the most significant days in Buddhist history and is generally observed quietly. Meditation or chanting practices may be extended.

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Feast of the Immaculate Conception

Many Christians, particularly Catholics, commemorate this day, in honour of the Immaculate Conception of the Virgin Mary.



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Human Rights Day

A day celebrating the United Nations General Assembly adoption of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights (UDHR).

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Anniversary of the Statute of Westminster

A day to recognize the anniversary of the establishment of the Statute of Westminster.

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International Migrants Day

Throughout human history, migration has been a courageous expression of the individual's will to overcome adversity and to live a better life.

21-
Jan
1

Yule

The winter solstice marks the beginning of Yule, an ancient pagan holiday known for rituals and traditions that celebrate nature and setting one's intentions for the coming season.

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December Solstice

The winter solstice in the Northern Hemisphere is when it is the darkest day of the year.

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Dongzhi

A Winter Solstice Festival celebrated in China. It's a traditional festival on the shortest day and longest night of the year.

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Christmas Eve

Christmas Eve in Canada is the last day of preparations for the Christmas Day and Boxing Day holidays.

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Christmas Day

Many Christians in Canada mark the birth of Jesus Christ on December 25, which is known as Christmas Day where many exchange gifts and enjoy festive meals.

25 -
Jan
2

Hanukkah

Hanukkah, also known as the Festival of Lights, is an eight-day Jewish observance to remember the Jewish people's struggle for religious freedom.

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Boxing Day

Boxing Day is a holiday for many Canadians and it gives people the chance to take part in the post-Christmas sales or watch ice hockey games.



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26 -
Jan 1

Kwanzaa

A day where celebrations often include songs and dances, African drums, storytelling, poetry reading, and a large traditional meal.

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New Year's Eve

New Year's Eve is a day of reflection of the past year's events and a time to prepare for the New Year.

Resource Spotlight: Golden Rule Poster

The Golden Rule poster lists the key guiding principle for more than a dozen religious, spiritual and faith-based practices. This poster aims to bring awareness to sacred writings from these faiths, and encourage inclusion by illustrating the interconnectedness between the core teachings.

The Golden Rule poster is inspired by and developed with the permission of Paul McKenna and Scarborough Missions. The original poster has achieved international renown as an educational and interfaith resource, displayed in organizations around the world including schools and hospitals.

This poster can be hung in or near a multi-faith space within a long-term care home as a way to help people of various faiths and spiritual practices feel welcome, and also to bring awareness to the various perspectives.

Explore this resource online:: clri-ltc.ca/golden-rule

