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ST. DAVID'S DAY

Sacred to Wales. Leeks and daffodils on our lapels, Welsh Cakes on the table.

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DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME BEGINS Spring ahead one hour.

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PURIM BEGINS AT SUNSET Costumes, noisy graggers, and delicious hamantashen mark this day of fun!

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A celebration of spring and new beginnings, this is the Hindu "Festival of Colors"

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ST. URHO'S DAY

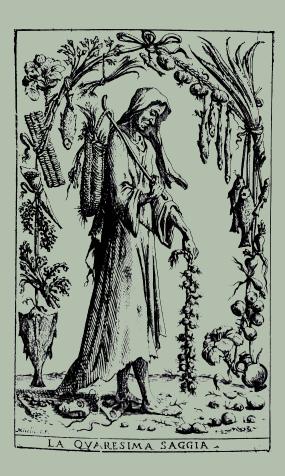
The Finns of Lake Worth and Lantana honor today, with a wink and a smile, the man who drove the grasshoppers from Finland.

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ST. PATRICK'S DAY
Sacred to Ireland, but isn't everyone
a little Irish on St. Patrick's Day?

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ST. JOSEPH'S DAY
Sacred to Italy. Zeppole and sfinci
fried or baked dough filled with custard
and cherries or ricotta cream—bring
rich sweetness to Lent.



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VERNAL EQUINOX AT 11:50 PM EDT
Balance of day and night returns as spring
begins by the almanac. In Earth's journey
around the sun, the Northern Hemisphere
is at the midpoint between longest night
(Midwinter in December) and longest day
(Midsummer in June). It is the opposite
in the Southern Hemisphere, where
today brings the start of autumn.

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Nine months to Christmas and the Nativity. In Sweden, today is *Våffeldagen*: Waffle Day!



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The forty days of lent run all through this March. In Italy, *La Vecchia*, gaunt and thin, is the traditional symbol for this time of year. She is *la Quaresima Saggia*: the wise woman of lent. Engraving by Giuseppe Maria Mitelli, late 17th century. Convivio Book of Days March 2020 © Convivio Bookworks