

MARCH

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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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HOLI

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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LADY DAY, FEAST OF THE ANNUNCIATION

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.

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