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*MAY DAY, BELTANE,
EID AL-FITR BEGINS AT MOONRISE*
Eid Mubarak!

Ramadan concludes as we enter into the Sweet Festival. And with May Day, we are halfway between equinox and solstice: by traditional reckoning of time, we now enter summer in a celebration that began yesterday evening with Walpurgis Night.

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CINCO DE MAYO

More an American holiday than a Mexican one, commemorating *el Dia de la Batalla de Puebla*.

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MOTHER'S DAY, HELSTON FLORA DAY

The 8th brings an ancient welcome to summer celebration at Helston in Cornwall. Here in the States, it's Mother's Day, and we honor and cherish our mothers: those we were given and those we have chosen.

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COLD SOPHIE & THE ICE SAINTS

Old German weather lore warns of a blast of cold weather about now!

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HARVEY MILK DAY, ROGATION SUNDAY

You got to give them hope, said Harvey Milk, and hope is what this day offers. For Rogation Sunday, it is traditional to *beat the bounds* in a procession around the boundaries of the parish.



Rogation Day Procession in Étapes

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*PENTECOST, WHITSUNDAY,
ROSALIA, VICTORIA DAY*

The Easter Season closes with Pentecost, or Whitsunday, a day of spirit and inspiration: Holy Spirit come to Earth. Rosalia is a feast of Ancient Rome honoring the goddess Flora and especially the lovely rose. And Canada's *May Two-Four* honors Queen Victoria and kicks off summer.

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ASCENSION OF THE LORD

We are 40 days past Easter. In England, this is a traditional day to dress water wells with scenes made of flowers.

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MEMORIAL DAY

We honor and remember... and we welcome summer, too.



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