

# JANUARY

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*NEW YEAR'S DAY*

The Seventh Day of Christmas delivers us to 2025. It is a traditional day for wassailing the apple trees.

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*TWELFTH NIGHT*

On this Eve of the Epiphany, the last of the Midwinter gift bearers arrive: in Latin America, *los tres reyes magos* will deliver presents tonight, while In Italy, that's the job of the kindly old witch called *la befana*; she sweeps Christmas away for another year.

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*EPIPHANY, LITTLE CHRISTMAS*

The Twelve Days of Christmas close with Epiphany, marking the arrival of the Magi at the stable in Bethlehem. It's gift-giving day in Spain and Latin America. Most folks end their Yuletide celebrations with Epiphany's passing, but many will continue the midwinter cheer to Candlemas at the start of February. This is the old tradition we follow here!

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*ST. DISTAFF'S DAY*

Back to the spinning wheel for the women:  
*Partly work and partly play,  
Ye must on St. Distaff's Day.*



*Winter landscape.*

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*PLOUGH MONDAY, COPPERMAN'S DAY*

Back to the plough for the men.  
In Dutch print shops, it's Copperman's Day.

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*FEAST OF SAN'ANTONIO ABATE*

In Italy, a day of feasting. St. Anthony the Abbot is a patron saint of bakers.

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*ST. AGNES EVE,*

*MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. DAY*

Romantic divination tonight: on St. Agnes Eve, young girls might see visions of their future husbands. MLK, Jr. Day honors the great American civil rights leader.

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*BURNS NIGHT*

A night for Burns Suppers, celebrating Robert Burns, the national bard of Scotland.

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*CHINESE LUNAR NEW YEAR BEGINS*

Here begins the Year of the Wood Snake.



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January, and it's the height of winter. The yuletide celebrations continues all month long, for those of us who wish it so and who follow the tradition that keeps Christmas glowing bright until Candlemas at the start of February. And so, "Wassail!" Cover star: "Winter Landscape" by Wassily Kandinsky, oil on cardboard, 1909. Convivio Book of Days January 2025