

Multicultural and Diversity Newsletter

Santa Cruzan Day (Philippines).

May 1- Filipinos consider this day as the first day of spring. It commemorates the corresponding day in the 4th century A.D. when St. Helena, the mother of Emperor Constantine of Rome found the holy cross on which Jesus was crucified.



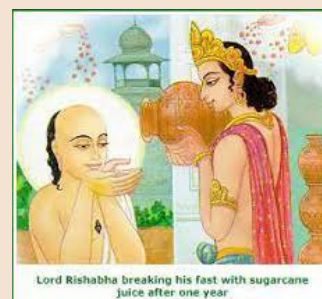
Eid-ul Fitr (Islam).

May 3- This marks the end of the Ramadan fast and is celebrated for 3 days. The date of observance may vary according to sighting of the new moon. The date varies by a day depending on whether the Saudi Arabia or the North American calendar is being observed. American calendars are a day later.

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Akshaya Tritiya (Jain).

May 3- This is the day when Lord Rishabha broke his first year-long fast by drinking sugarcane juice. To begin anything new is considered very auspicious on this day.



Mother's Day (Canada and USA).



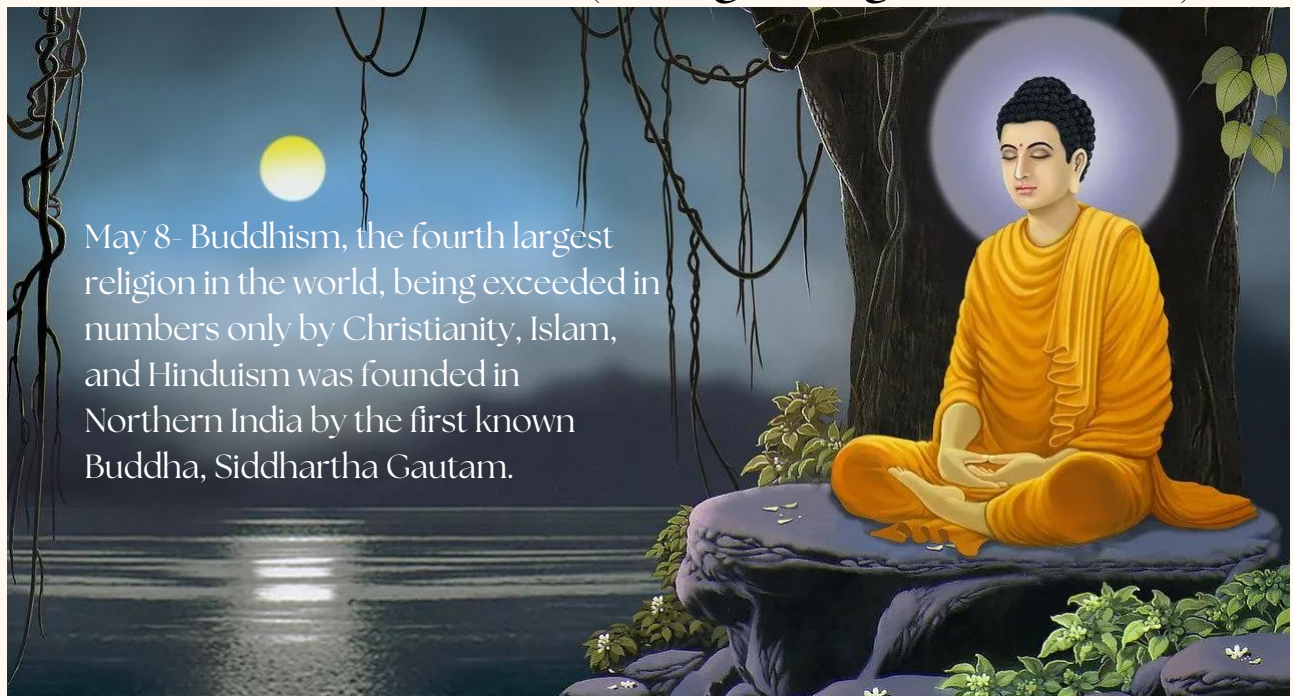
May 8- In 1914, the 2nd Sunday in May was officially declared Mother's Day by President Wilson. Anna Jarvis of Philadelphia first suggested a day on which to honour mothers and motherhood.

Victoria Day (Canada).



May 23- Queen Victoria's birthday (May 24, 1837-1901) was declared a holiday by the Legislature of the Province Canada in 1845. United Kingdom celebrates her birthday in June.

Buddha's Birthday (Hong Kong and Korea).



May 8- Buddhism, the fourth largest religion in the world, being exceeded in numbers only by Christianity, Islam, and Hinduism was founded in Northern India by the first known Buddha, Siddhartha Gautam.



Day of the Patriots- Quebec (Canada)

May 23- This day commemorates the French patriots of 1837-1838 for their contribution to freedom and national recognition.

Indigenous Awareness Week (Indigenous Canada)

May 24- Indigenous Awareness Week was first introduced in 1992. It is held on the four days that follow the Victoria Day long weekend. It was designed to increase awareness of Indigenous people among federal public service employees.



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