



April

Daylight is fast overtaking darkness in the Northern Hemisphere. It is a month of explosive growth as summer begins to take hold.

Here in Lake Worth (and probably in your town, too), trees are erupting in new green, the green they will carry through the warm months ahead. The very earth itself, so much of it laying in wait all winter long, begins again its respiration.

1 ALL FOOLS' DAY

Tricks and practical jokes until noon.

2 HOLY THURSDAY, MAUNDY THURSDAY

The tradition is to visit three churches at night and sit in the dark and quiet stillness.

3 GOOD FRIDAY

Commemorates the passion of Christ.
A solemn day, a fasting day.

3 PASSOVER (PESACH) BEGINS AT SUNDOWN

Why is this night different from all other nights?
Commemorates the freeing of the Israelites from their slavery in Egypt.

4 HOLY SATURDAY

Solemn Lent concludes at sundown.
Joyful reawakening takes its place.

5 EASTER SUNDAY

Movable feast celebrating the resurrection of Christ.
Traditionally the height of spring.

12 EASTER SUNDAY (GREEK ORTHODOX)

Orthodox churches are celebrating one week later this year.

23 ST. GEORGE'S DAY

Sacred to England. A red rose in your lapel marks the day.

24 ST. MARK'S EVE

One of the traditional nights for divining the future, especially for romance: If you wish to see your future love, fast from sunset and during the night, bake a cake that contains an eggshellfull of salt, wheat meal, and barley meal. Open the door of your home and your future love will come in and turn the cake.

25 ST. MARK'S DAY

Blessings upon the newly sown crops. Summer will soon be returning, along with the arrival of migratory birds to northern climes.

30 WALPURGIS NIGHT, MAY EVE

May Eve is the festival of the dead in Spain and Portugal, and in Germany: Walpurgisnacht. Elsewhere, bonfires and gravlax welcome May and summer, which traditionally begins with the May Day festivities in the morning.



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