

FEBRUARY

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IMBOLC, ST. BRIGID'S DAY

Winter here begins to give way to spring: we have reached the halfway mark between the winter solstice and the vernal equinox in the Northern Hemisphere. A St. Brigid's cross, fashioned of rushes, marks the day.

Remove by this evening all vestiges of yuletide greenery still in your home.

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CANDLEMAS, GROUNDHOG DAY

Tradition has us light every lamp in the house, even for a few moments, at sunset.

Also a traditional weather marker day, in accord with Groundhog Day:
*If the sun shines bright on Candlemas Day;
The half of the winter's not yet away:*

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ST. VALENTINE'S DAY

Our great day of romance.
Where love takes root,
we say, let it grow.

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PRESIDENTS DAY

Does anyone else miss celebrating just good old Washington's Birthday and Lincoln's Birthday?

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CONCORDIA

Ancient Roman feast of goodwill: family and friends gather for a meal to settle all disputes.

25 & 26

LAKE WORTH STREET PAINTING FESTIVAL

Our 23rd annual celebration. Artists turn the streets of Downtown Lake Worth into beautiful canvases that last only until the next rainfall.

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MARDI GRAS: CARNEVALE CONCLUDES

Fat Tuesday in New Orleans, Mobile, Key West, Venezia and other convivial towns. It's also **SHROVE TUESDAY**: We'll have pancakes for our supper!



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ST. BLAISE'S DAY

St. Blaise protects against maladies of the throat.

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ST. AGATHA'S DAY

Nuns in Italy today bake special marzipan pastries known as *minne de vergine*, while enormous towers are processed through the streets of Catania, Italy.



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