

# JANUARY



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**HAPPY NEW YEAR!**  
(SEVENTH DAY OF CHRISTMAS)  
Traditional wassailing day.

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**EIGHTH DAY OF CHRISTMAS**  
St. Macarius's Day:  
patron saint of confectioners.

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**NINTH DAY OF CHRISTMAS**  
St. Genevieve's Day:  
Sacred to Paris.

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**TENTH DAY OF CHRISTMAS**  
St. Titus's and St. Gregory's Day,  
as well as St. Rigobert and  
St. Ramon.

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**TWELFTH NIGHT**  
(ELEVENTH DAY OF CHRISTMAS)  
Eve of the Epiphany. In Latin  
America; *los tres reyes* will deliver  
gifts tonight. In Italy, *la befana*  
makes her rounds, delivering small  
presents to good girls and boys.  
Naughty ones get coal.

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**EPIPHANY**  
(TWELFTH DAY OF CHRISTMAS)  
Epiphany marks the arrival of the Magi at the stable in Bethlehem.  
In many places, like Mexico, today is the big day for Christmas  
gift-giving, for it is *El Dia de Reyes*. Epiphany also brings the  
traditional closing of the twelve days of Yuletide festivities  
after Christmas Eve and Christmas Day.

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**ST. DISTAFF'S DAY**  
*Partly work and partly play,  
Ye must on St. Distaff's Day.*  
This is the day women traditionally  
returned to their spinning after Christmas.  
The men would often try to light their  
flax on fire... but the women expected  
this and it usually was the men who  
ended up soaked to the skin.

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**PLOUGH MONDAY, COPPERMAN'S DAY**  
The Monday after Epiphany, Plough Monday, meant  
back to work for the men; this day traditionally marked  
the beginning of the agricultural year with a ceremonial  
ploughing of the frozen ground. As for Copperman's Day:  
it is a traditional printers' holiday in Holland in which  
the apprentices got the day off to work on their own  
projects and show off the printing skills they'd learnt  
very often a printed keepsake exchanged for a copper.

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**MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. DAY**  
Honoring the great American  
civil rights leader.

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**BURNS NIGHT**  
Celebrates Scottish poet Robert  
Burns, who gave us the song *Auld  
Lang Syne* that we sang at the start  
of the month.

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**CHINESE LUNAR NEW YEAR BEGINS**  
It's the Year of the Rooster.



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Peace on Earth. Goodwill to all. Let's shake on it. This vintage handshake cut has illustrated all of our Copperman's Day prints to date.

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