July

I CANADA DAY

The national day of Canada. Formerly known as Dominion Day.

3 DOG DAYS OF SUMMER THROUGH AUGUST 15 It's traditionally the hottest part of the year,

ruled by Sirius, the Dog Star.

4 INDEPENDENCE DAY

Fireworks for the Fourth of July, celebrating the 238th birthday of the United States.

7 TANABATA

Japanese festival on the seventh day of the seventh month: Wishes are written on colored paper strips and hung from the trees.

I⁴ BASTILLE DAY

La Fête Nationale, le Quatorze Juillet... It's French National Day, commemorating the Storming of the Bastille in 1789.

15 ST. SWITHIN'S DAY

St. Swithin's Day; if thou dost rain, For forty days it will remain; St. Swithin's Day; if thou be fair, For forty days 'twill rain nae mair.

> **16 OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL** Sacred to Chile.

23 NEPTUNALIA & SALACIA

This holiday of ancient Rome honors Neptune, the sea god, and his wife Salacia, goddess of the salty sea. A good day to honor water and all it means to us.

> **25 ST. JAMES'S DAY** Sacred to Spain. Oysters for dinner.

29 ST. ANNE'S DAY

Feast day of Anne, mother of Mary.

28 (about) eid ul-fitr begins at sundown

Feasting concludes Ramadan, the month of fasting.

26 ST. MARTHA'S DAY

Martha teaches us to engage life fully, and to not worry so much about appearances.



It's the height of summer in the Northern Hemisphere. Here in the States, it's a time for ice cream and swimming and days that run long into nights filled with fireflies, fireworks and warm summer breezes. And in Florida, it's a time for

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