# 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.

### **I**<sup>4</sup> 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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truckloads of watermelon.



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