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MAY DAY, BELTANE

Halfway betwixt equinox and
solstice and we enter summer,
by traditional reckoning of time,
in the Northern Hemisphere.

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CINCO DE MAYO

Celebrated North of the Border
more than in Mexico, commemorates
el Dia de la Batalla de Puebla.

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HELSTON FLORA DAY

An ancient welcome-to-summer
celebration in Cornwall that includes
a village-wide dance through Helston.

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MOTHER'S DAY

We honor and cherish our mothers:
those we were given and those
we have chosen.

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COLD SOPHIE & THE ICE SAINTS

Old German weather lore warns of a
blast of cold weather about now!

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VICTORIA DAY

Canada's May Two-Four honors Queen
Victoria and kicks off summer there.

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HARVEY MILK DAY

You got to give them hope, said Harvey
Milk, and hope is what this day offers.



Roses, for Rosalia

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ROSALIA

This feast of Ancient Rome honors
the goddess Flora and the lovely rose.

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ROGATION SUNDAY

Brings a beating of the bounds in a
procession around the boundaries
of the church parish.

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MEMORIAL DAY

We honor and remember ...
and we welcome summer, too, in the
United States.

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ASCENSION OF THE LORD

We are 40 days past Easter. In England,
water wells are decorated with elaborate
scenes made from flowers.



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