

NOVEMBER

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ALL SAINTS DAY (ALL HALLOWS)

Hallowe'en ushers in this day honoring all saints. It's also *SAMHAIN*, the Celtic New Year, moving us closer to winter.

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ALL SOULS DAY, DIA DE LOS MUERTOS, I MORTI

Together with Hallowe'en and All Saints Day, across many cultures, these old and sacred days keep us connected to those who have left this world. This is their common theme, and the general theme of early November, through Martinmas.

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MARTINMAS (HOLLANTIDE)

Traditionally, the time to taste the new wine. In traditional reckoning of time, it marks the full onset of winter. In the US, it is *VETERANS DAY* and we honor all who have served in the armed forces.

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DIWALI

The festival of lights in Hindu, Sikh, and Jain cultures.

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ST. CECILIA'S DAY, STIR-UP SUNDAY

Cecilia is a patron saint of musicians. Her day this year coincides with the last Sunday before Advent: it's the traditional day to get Christmas fruitcakes & puddings started so they have time to age... hence the name Stir-Up Sunday.



It's November. We watch the blackbirds as they migrate each evening, west to east.

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ST. CLEMENT'S DAY

Old Clem, patron saint of blacksmiths and metal workers.

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THANKSGIVING

We count our blessings.

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FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Advent paces us toward Christmas. Tonight, we light one purple candle.

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ST. ANDREW'S DAY

Sacred to Scotland and Russia.



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