

Outline/Agenda for December 2020 Lectio Divina - Faith Sharing – Interfaith Presentation

First Session in Piloting Reading Sacred Text as an educator with theological formation who believes Reading is the foundation for learning.

Introduction:

Between November and January 1st or so various religious cultures celebrate Lights one form or another.

Diwali. In 2020, Hindu Cultures had Diwali from November 12 to 16 - Main Holy Day - Saturday November 14. In 2021, based on the Hindu lunisolar calendar, Diwali is celebrated from Tuesday, November, 2nd to Saturday, November 6. The main day is Thursday, Nov. 4.

Chanukah. Jewish Culture had Chanukah for 8 days, December 10 to 18, 2020. The dates on the Hebrew luni-solar calendar vary every year. In 2021, Hanukkah goes from Sunday, November 28 to the evening of Monday, December 6.

Advent. Christians celebrate Christmas on December 25 which is preceded by 4 Sundays of Advent. Some Christian traditions like Lutheran, Catholics, and Episcopal light up a candle. The candles are usually purple (violet or blue), pink (rose), and white. One candle is lit every Sunday. Each candle has a meaning - Peace, Hope, Joy, and Love. The last candle, the white one is lit on Christmas Eve by some, but many have 4 and many countries don't have Advent wreaths or candles at all.

Kwanzaa. African American Culture celebrates Kwanzaa. Though not a religious celebration, it is observed from December 26 to January 1st with lights and other objects to indicate the seven principles that honor African heritage.

View YouTube link below for a Bilingual Creole/French Kwanzaa Presentation.