

The Story of King Cakes

The Epiphany or little Christmas is observed on January 6th in many Christian churches. This day has come to be known as "King's Day"

Since the 300's, this day has honored the meeting of the Three Wise Men with infant Jesus. King Cakes became part of the celebration to symbolize the "finding of baby Jesus."

Traditionally King Cakes are oval-shaped to show a unity of all Christians. The Mardi Gras season which begins on this "Twelfth Night" (January 6th) is expressed on King Cakes by using the carnival colors of green (faith), gold (power), and purple (justice).

In the past, a bean, pecan, pea, or coin was hidden inside each King Cake. Today, a tiny plastic baby is used. As a King Cake is cut, each person awaits anxiously for a piece to locate the "baby". The person who finds the baby is "King of the Party" and obligated to bring a King Cake to the next seasonal celebration.

A fun Mardi Gras tradition to begin in homes, classes, or offices. King Cake season ends on Mardi Gras ("Fat Tuesday"), the day before Lent begins.

Your Great Harvest King Cake

So what is a King Cake? The type we make is basically a giant oval cinnamon roll to share with your friends. A full (serves 8-12) includes a little plastic baby, and some beads and cost \$25. The beads and baby come in a little plastic bag and you can insert the baby yourself if you choose to. We also sell a half and quarter for \$14 and \$8 (no beads to baby).

Its fun, King cake season really goes from Jan 6th to Fat Tuesday, Feb 17th this year, and you can eat one whenever you like. But most people celebrate with King Cake on Fat Tuesday.

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“Laissez les bons temps rouler!”