DECEMBER

Holidays
December 24 Christmas Eve
December 25 Christmas
December 31 New Year’s Eve

Events in December
December 01 World AIDS Day
December 05 International Volunteers Day
December 07 Pearl Harbor Day
December 10 Human Rights Day
December 12 Poinsettia Day
December 26 Boxing Day

Symbols
December’s birthstone is Turquoise and the Zircon
December’s flower is Narcissus

Days to Remember
December 01, 1956  Rosa Parks arrested in Montgomery, Alabama for refusing to surrender her seat to a white rider launching an important early struggle of the Civil Rights Movement.

December 03, 1847  Frederick Douglass and Martin Delaney start the anti-slavery newspaper the North Star.

December 03, 1946  100,000 join Oakland General Strike and win recognition for department store clerks.

December 04, 1969  Chicago Black Panther Chairman Fred Hampton killed in his sleep by police squad.

December 04, 1970  United Farm Workers President Cesar Chavez jailed for 20 days for refusing to end grape boycott.

December 05, 1955  The two U.S. labor federations, the AFL and the CIO merge.

December 08, 1930  Thousands attend funeral of labor heroine Mother Jones at Mt. Olive, Illinois.

December 09, 1869  Knights of Labor founded

December 14, 1890  350 members of Chief Big Foot’s Minneconjou Lakota band killed by U.S. troops at Wounded Knee, south Dakota in ethnic cleansing campaign.

December 17, 1943  U.S. Congress repeals the Chinese Exclusion Act.

December 25, 1921  Labor leader Eugene Debs released from prison following amnesty campaign.

December 30, 1936  Flint sit-down strike to prevent out-sourcing of work begins. It ends in February when General Motors Corporation recognizes the United Auto Workers.