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Fat Tuesday is the English translation of Mardi Gras.

Ash Wednesday is the day after Mardi Gras, and the first day of the Christian observance of Lent.

A 40-day period of fasting leading up to Easter.

Krewes refer to the social clubs that organize Mardi Gras floats for the parades.

Epiphany is the Christian feast day that marks the incarnation of Jesus Christ. Also known as Three Kings Day, it celebrates the day the three wise men were led to the baby Jesus. It is also the first day of Carnival.

Carnival is another name for the festivities and celebrations leading up to Lent. The word Carnival comes from a Latin word that means to take away or remove meat (same root as carnivore).

French for "lily flower." A Christian symbol of the Virgin Mary, the Holy Trinity, and other saints.

Floats are the large vehicles decorated according to a theme that people ride in the Mardi Gras parade.

A circular cake with a hole in the middle. There is a baby baked into the cake that represents the baby Jesus.