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Reminders

East Coast (USA)

Sunday Dim Sum Lunch

Date noon, every Sunday
Venue Asian Jewels Seafood Restaurant
133-30 39th Avenue, Flushing NY 11354
Tel. 718-359-8600
Contact dimsum@nylscoba.org

Edmonton

Monthly Dim Sum Gathering

Date noon every first Friday of each month
Venue Urban China Restaurant 潮樓大酒樓
Contact billshwong@shaw.ca

Southern California

Monthly Dim Sum Gathering

Date noon to 2 pm, every first Sunday
Venue Empress Harbor Seafood Restaurant
111 N. Atlantic Blvd., 3/F, Monterey Park

Toronto

Joint School Alumni Chinese New Year 2018 Dinner

Date Feb 10, 2018 6:30 PM
Venue Golden Court Abalone Restaurant 黃金閣
270 West Beaver Creek Rd, Richmond Hill
Cost \$50.00
Contact Chris Fong (94) 416 838 3664
shihangfong@yahoo.ca
Kevin Kwok (88) 647 928 5880,
kevinkwok26@gmail.com

Friendly Match w CUHK Soccer Team (60+ yrs of age game)

Date Feb 23, 2018 7:45 PM
Venue Westmont Collegiate
1000 New Westminster Drive Thornhill
Contact Gordon Tam (77)
gordon.tam@rogers.com
Kevin Kwok (88)
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Louis Pomeroy Memorial Cup Mahjong Tournament 2018

Date Mar 11, 2018 12:00 PM
Venue Emperor Fine Chinese Cuisine 君臨天下
9019 Bayview Avenue, Unit 9, Richmond Hill
Cost \$50 (Incl MJ Tournament, Afternoon
Snack & Dinner) \$45 (Dinner only)
Contact Kevin Kwok (88)
kevinkwok26@gmail.com
Danny Au Yeung (67)
daueyung8@gmail.com
Tony Pomeroy (71) tpomeroy@leeli.com



The Cycle Game

Calvin Chan 1971

To me, the term cycle is very mysterious. Intuitively, it means something that repeats itself. While the repeats may not be exactly the same, for example different duration, peak, magnitude etc, the pattern is usually the same. More mysterious to me is that when one sees a beginning of a cycle, one always expects to see an end coming. When an end is within sight, one always expects to see the beginning of something else. New Year Day always follows New Year Eve. Happy New Year to every reader!

It is not always true to have a beginning following an end. Instead, a beginning causes an end. The emergence of digital media caused the decline of traditional printing (it is not end though). The emergence of digital social media saw the decline of "traditional" communication channels. While I can take shelter under the auspices of security concerns to not have a social media account (no Facebook, no Instagram, no Twitter!), I cannot hide any longer that I am technically falling behind.

On February 1, 2009, some fellow Lasallians received the inaugural issue of this newsletter. When they read to the last word of the newsletter, they expected a new issue would arrive soon. This issue is the 109th issue since February 1, 2009. In other words, this newsletter has survived nine whole years. It will be ten whole years 11 issues later, a significant milestone nobody would want to miss, me included. So here, I promise you my utmost effort to keep it alive. However, this cannot be done without your support. Your contribution would make this task much easier.

This newsletter is published with the objective to promote communications among fellow Lasallians in North America. To the surprise of many of us, this newsletter is also shared by some living outside North America. With the advance in technology and rise of the social media, the role of this newsletter is diminishing. After the 10-year milestone, the next major one would be 15-year anniversary. With the increasing popularity of social media, I doubt if this newsletter can survive another five years after the 10-year milestone. Even if this next milestone can be reached, it will not be accomplished without much difficulty and effort.

I have been thinking about this in the past few months. I have been struggling. I suddenly saw a famous Chinese saying and my problem was solved. I knew the phrase since I was a young boy but it never came to mind until recently. 見好即收 tells me to stop when there is still a salvage value. I have therefore decided to work with this newsletter to reach its 10-year anniversary. After that, I hope someone would step up to the plate, take it over and move it forward. If no one wants to pick up the torch, it will be a good memory to have 120 issues of this newsletter in the repository. Frankly, this is not an easy decision to make but I firmly believe that this is the right one which I should take. I do hope that most of you will agree with me and stand by my decision.

To all the great supporters, I hope to work with your contributions in the next eleven issues. You can write about the La Salle community, about this newsletter, or about your experiences. As long as it is in line with the objective of this newsletter, your contribution would appear in one of the eleven issues. Please send your contributions to editors@lscobaedm.org.

I also pledge to anyone who is interested in keeping this newsletter alive to contact us at the same email address above. I will assist with the transition with my greatest possible effort.

In the past nine years, I have received a lot of encouragement. I appreciate them all and cannot thank you enough for all those support. I hope that you can continue your support for at least one more year to help me keep my promise to take this newsletter to its 10-year anniversary.



Special Contribution

This 10-part series, contributed by William Lai (1961), is based on his trip to Israel and Jordan in 2016. There are many Biblical quotes in the article. William wishes to note that he uses King James Version for the quotes.

Our readers are also encouraged to express their views here in the Newsletter any time. Please send your contributions to editors@lscobaedm.org. The Editorial Board of this Newsletter reserves the right to edit submissions to ensure quality and the right to make final decisions whether to publish any article or not to protect the integrity of this Newsletter.

Editors

The Promised Land (Part 9 of 10)

William Lai (1961)

Via Dolorosa

After Pilate acceded to the demand of the mob to crucify Jesus, Jesus was made to bear his own cross from the place of sentencing to the crucifixion site. The route is well known as the Via Dolorosa, the painful way, or also more commonly called the Way of Sorrow, or the Way of the Cross. There are 14 stations enroute.

1. Jesus condemned to death
2. Jesus made to bear his cross
3. Jesus fell the first time
4. Jesus met his mother
5. Simon of Cyrene helped Jesus carry the cross
6. Veronica wiped the face of Jesus
7. Jesus fell the second time
8. Jesus met the women of Jerusalem
9. Jesus fell the third time
10. Disrobing of Jesus
11. Crucifixion
12. Jesus died on the cross
13. Jesus taken down from the cross
14. Jesus laid in the tomb

Stations 10-14 are inside the Church of Holy Sepulchre. The whole track is rather long. We had limited time on this tour and did not go to all the stations. The outdoor trail was very busy. Parts of it, as with most streets in the Old City, were lined with shops selling everything from household goods to souvenirs. There were actual money-changers patrolling the streets holding some cash in their hands trying to coax tourists to exchange their foreign currency with them. Were he still alive, Jesus would have a field day chasing these money dealers away.

While the outdoor stations were crowded, the ones inside the Church of Holy Sepulchre were jam packed with wall-to-wall people. You're essentially carried forward by the flow of the thick crowd. Station 14, the tomb, is housed in the Aedicule, which is basically a church within a church. There was a two-hour queue to enter the Aedicule. Unfortunately, we couldn't wait.



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The commercial Via Dolorosa



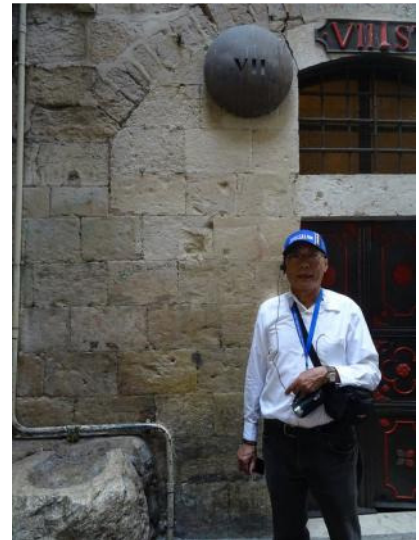
Station 8, Jesus met the women of Jerusalem



Station 5, where Simon helped Jesus carry the cross



Station 6, Veronica wiped Jesus' face



Station 7, Jesus fell the second time



Station 9, Jesus fell for the third time



Church of the Holy Sepulchre





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Station 11, crucifixion



Station 12, Jesus died on the cross



Exact spot where Jesus' cross stood



Station 13, Jesus taken down from cross and laid on this piece of rock



Station 14, Jesus entombed in the Aedicule

Jesus was crucified on a Friday. Question: why is that Friday called "Good" Friday?



Jesus' burial site

There is some contention as to where Jesus was actually crucified and entombed. Some believe Station 14, the Aedicule, was not the spot as described by Matthew, Mark and John. *"And when they were come unto a place called Golgotha, that is to say, a place of a skull...And they crucified him"* (Matthew 27:33-35). *"And they bring him unto the place Golgotha, which is, being interpreted, The place of a skull....And when they had crucified him...."*) Mark 15:22-24).

"And he bearing his cross went forth into a place called the place of a skull, which is called in the Hebrew Golgotha: Where they crucified him, and two other with him, on either side one, and Jesus in the midst" (John 19:17-18). Luke (23:33) located the crucifixion site as Calvary: *"And when were come to the place, which is called Calvary, there they crucified him"*. Calvary is believed to be close to the Garden Tomb. The consensual landmark in these description is the "skull". There is nothing like that at or around Station 14.

The Garden Tomb is now a prime tourist attraction. Visible from the Garden Tomb is a geological formation which still does look like a skull to this day, giving credence to the claims of the gospel quotes above. There were tons of tourists when we visited. We had to line up to take a picture of the platform upon which Jesus was supposed to have been laid after having been let down from the cross. There is a sign inside the tomb that reads: "He is not here – for he is risen", as if tourists would expect Jesus to be sitting on the platform greeting guests.



Golgotha, a place of a skull



Garden Tomb exterior



Jesus was here apparently

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