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TRADITIONAL LATIN MASS: Sundays 7:30 AM, 9:00 AM High, 11:30 AM, 5:45 PM

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October 27, 2024 CHRIST THE KING PENTECOST XXIII



¶ CHRIST THE KING

Today we resume the Forty Hours Devotion. **We need adorers this afternoon, especially between 1 and 4 PM!** There are no Classes today. October Devotions with Rosary are at 4:00 PM. Solemn Vespers will be at 4:45 PM. **Note that the evening Mass is at 5:30, not 5:45. Closing ceremonies** are at 6:45, followed by refreshments.

¶ ALL SAINTS DAY

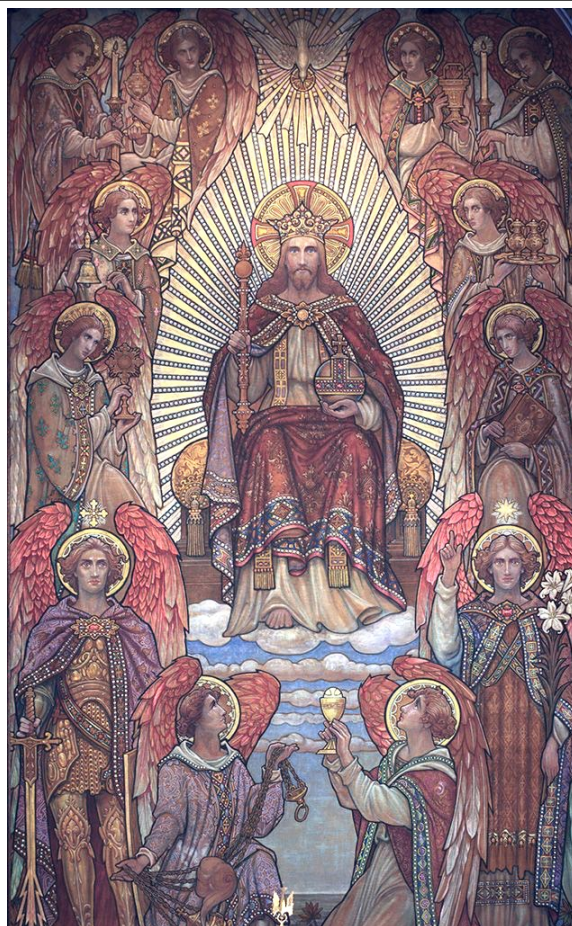
First Friday is a Holy Day of Obligation, with Masses at 7 (worker's Mass) and 9 AM, and 5:45 PM. Be sure to come after work, even if you will be late. But, if you're not working or off work early, then by all means join us for Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament at 5:00 PM followed by the Rosary at 5:15 and Benediction. The *Toties Quoties* Plenary Indulgence for the Poor Souls may be gained from noon Friday until the church is closed on Saturday. The charming, unique and little frequented service of the Double Vespers (of All Saints' Day and of the Dead) begins at 7:00 PM.

¶ TOTIES QUOTIES

You may gain a plenary indulgence under the usual conditions each time you make a visit to the Blessed Sacrament, from noon November 1st until midnight November 2nd—praying six Paters, six Aves and six Glorias for the intentions of Holy Mother Church. This wonderful indulgence is applicable only to the Poor Souls.

¶ YOUR PRAYERS

Please pray for Seminarians José and William, John & Amanda Riggs, Kirk Hudson, and Maria Dutcher.



¶ POOR SOULS

Poor Souls Remembrance envelopes are in the **vestibule**. Please fill one out and return it to the bookstore, collection, or office, to be placed on the altar for the month of November.

¶ DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME

Daylight Savings Time ends next Sunday. **Remember to turn your clocks back one hour on Saturday night!**



¶ ALL SOULS' DAY

Six Holy Masses will be offered on **First Saturday**. The principal Mass is sung at 8:30 AM, with sermon and Absolution. The *Toties Quoties* indulgence may be gained all day. Be sure to turn in your envelopes with the names of your dead, for whom Masses will be offered all November.

¶ FIRST FRIDAY – ALL SAINTS

7:00 AM Low Mass
8:30 AM Confessions
9:00 AM High Mass
5:00 PM Exposition, Oct. Devotions
5:30 PM (approx.) Benediction
5:45 PM Low Mass
7:00 PM Double Vespers

NO All Night Adoration

First Friday Reparation Intention: *For our own Poor Souls in Purgatory.*


¶ FIRST SATURDAY – ALL SOULS

7:00 AM Final October Devotions
7:30 AM Low Mass
8:00 AM Low Mass
8:30 AM High Mass, Absolution
9:30 AM Low Mass
10:00 AM Low Mass
10:30 AM Low Mass

First Saturday Reparation Intention:

For all who spurn devotion to Mary, deny it or downplay it.

¶ NEXT SUNDAY: ALL SAINTS

The **All Saints Day Procession** takes place before the High Mass next Sunday. The children should arrive at 8:50 AM, dressed as a saint. All are welcome to the All Saints Party that follows. There will be no Sunday Classes. Vespers with Benediction will be at 4:45 PM.  **Set Your Missal:** Pentecost XXIV, second collect Within the Octave of All Saints. Trinity Preface.

AFLAME WITH THE LOVE OF JESUS

I believe, Lord, but let me believe more firmly. I hope, Lord, but let me hope more steadfastly. I love, Lord, but let me love more ardently. I repent, Lord, but let me repent more deeply.

O Lord, I am Your servant, the son of Your handmaid (Ps 116:16). Behold Your servant, let it be done to me according to Your will. Lord, what will You have me do? Teach me to do Your will, for You are my God (Ps 143:10). Give to Your servant an understanding heart to judge the people and to discern between good and evil (1 Kings 3:9).

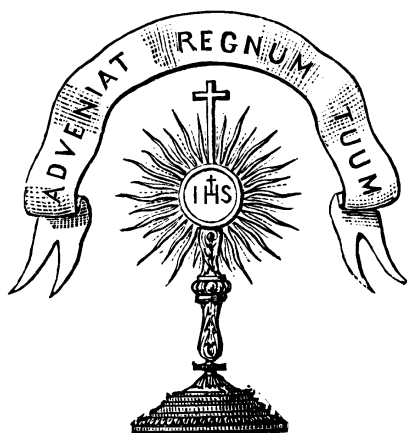
Father, give me humility, meekness, chastity, patience, and charity. Father, teach me goodness, discipline, and knowledge. Father, give me Your love and Your grace and I will be rich enough. My God, my Jesus, and my all!

On the cross I have lived and on the cross I wish to die; from the cross I hope to come down, not by my own hands, but at the hands of others, after I have finished my sacrifice.

God forbid that I should glory save in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, through Whom the world is crucified to me and I to the world (Gal 6:14).

— St. Anthony Mary Claret

St. Anthony Mary Claret († 1870) was a Spanish missionary and bishop, and the founder of the Missionary Sons of the Immaculate Heart of Mary.



¶ **INDULGENCED CEMETERY ROSARY PROCESSIONS**



Wednesday, November 6th: The school children will meet at

St. Stephen's Cemetery at 1 PM for their procession.

Sunday, November 17th: The Rosary Confraternity will meet at Gate of Heaven Cemetery at 3 PM. All parishioners are invited to join and gain the indulgences in this charitable work of mercy.

ALL SAINTS PROCESSION & PARTY

Next Sunday

Children should come dressed as a saint (arrive in church at 8:50 AM) and may give a brief presentation (not obligatory), which should be given by heart. (No notes please.) After the presentations, all are welcome to the All Saints Party.



¶ **MARTINMAS**

Don't miss the Martinmas festivities! There will be a **lantern-lit procession** in the evening on **Sunday, November 10**, led by **St. Martin on horseback** and featuring special hymns to the saint. Some traditional Martinmas foods will be on offer in the social hall after the procession. A wonderful Catholic tradition!



Collection Report

Sunday, October 20th\$7,688.00
Thank you for your generosity. Remember St. Gertrude the Great in your will.

A POEM FOR THE FEAST OF CHRIST THE KING

See how this Infant Boy
Lifted Himself down
Into His humble crèche
And laid His tender glove of skin
Against splintered wood—
Found refuge in a rack
Of straw—home
That chilly dawn,
In sweetest silage,
Those shriven stalks.

This outcast King lifted
Himself high upon His savage cross,
Extended the regal banner
Of His bones, draping Himself
Upon His throne—His battered feet,
His wounded hands not fastened
There by nails but sewn
By the strictest thorn of love.

— Pamela Cranston



KINGDOMS

The kingdoms of the earth go by
In purple and in gold:
They rise, they flourish, and they die,
And all their tale is told.
One kingdom only is divine,
One banner triumphs still:
Its king a servant, and its sign
A gibbet on a hill.

*Christ conquers! Christ reigns!
Christ commands!*

✠ THE BISHOP'S NOTE ✠

It is a beautiful autumn Friday morning as I write this. All is quiet and calm before the opening of our annual Forty Hours Devotion this evening. Judy is cleaning the priests' offices and Sr. Eulalia and **Fr. Brueggemann** are peacefully preparing everything in the sacristy while Sr. Regina and her sister Jacinta are making flower arrangements in Helfta Hall. Our hardworking "Martha's" are working peacefully and orderly, not with a lot of worry and rushing about. It is quite edifying and sets the tone for a wonderful Forty Hours with Our Eucharistic King.

Poor **Fr. Lehtoranta** has come down with a cold, but continues to soldier on in spite of it. 'Tis the season! **Fr. McKenna** is in Milwaukee this weekend to take care of the good souls at St. Hugh of Lincoln.

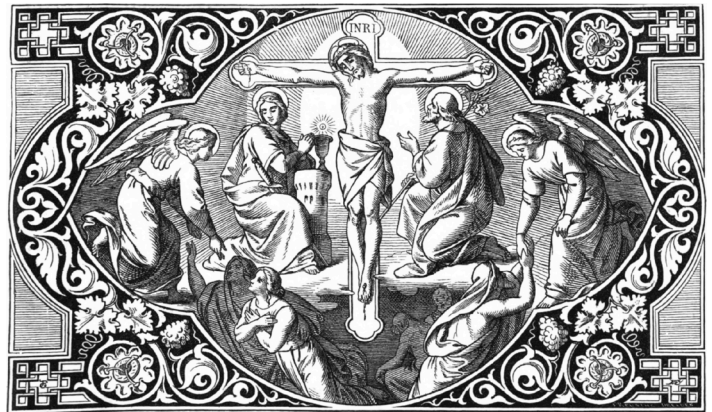
Christ is King and every king has his soldiers to defend his royal rights and those of the kingdom. Fourteen new Soldiers of Jesus Christ were made last weekend in the New England area. I confirmed one young lady at Our Lady of the Rosary in Monroe, Connecticut, where **Fr. Adan Rodriguez** of the Company of Jesus and Mary is pastor. Then, the following day at Sacred Heart Church in Lawrence, Massachusetts, another thirteen were confirmed. **Fr. Richards** of the Company of Jesus and Mary is the pastor at that church. Br. Gerard has done a fine job fixing up the old church which now looks beautiful. Each time I go there I find some new additions or new projects going on. Br. Jerome is helping to build a little monastery about a half hour away from the church. It is a nice area for retreats and whatnot. If you are interested in seeing Sacred Heart Church and pictures of the ceremonies you can view them on our website, sgg.org.

Two of our seminarians have been quite ill as of late. José Santos Casas has a large blood clot from his leg to near his heart and is now on blood thinners. While he was in the hospital they also found something that might be cancerous. However, they cannot do a biopsy until he is off the blood thinners. He will return to Spain to receive proper treatment. William Suhrie came down with a very severe respiratory illness and has been sick for some time now, unable to attend classes. He, too, will return home temporarily. The other three seminarians, two of whom are from St. Gertrude's (Alfonso Capetillo and Christopher Brueggemann), are doing quite well and are persevering in their studies. Mr. Brueggemann is scheduled to receive the cassock on the feast of the Immaculate Conception.

This feast of Christ the King is so very important for us these days in which seemingly everyone has abandoned Him and has joined the camps of His enemies, actively fighting against Him. We few true Catholics must be faithful to the bitter end. We may lose friends and family because of our loyalty to Christ. We may feel isolated at times. Those who fight valiantly and give their allegiance to Christ the King will, in the end, receive a crown in His glorious kingdom of Heaven. Mary, our Queen, keep us loyal to your Son. St. Michael the Archangel, first champion of the Kingship of Christ, pray for us!



– Bishop McGuire



SPECIAL OFFERING FOR THE SOULS IN PURGATORY

O God of love, Father of Our Lord Jesus Christ, on this altar behold the unbloody Sacrifice of the Body and Blood of Thy Son, representing that of His most holy death and grievous Passion, which He, the great High-Priest, offered Thee on Calvary. In consideration of this holocaust of sweet odor, have mercy on the souls in purgatory; open to them the gates of heaven that they may love and praise Thee, and enjoy Thee eternally in the abode of the saints. Together with the sufferings of Thy divine Son, I likewise offer Thee the sorrows of His Blessed Mother, whose soul was crucified at the foot of her Son's cross; for the lance which pierced the side and Heart of Jesus, Thine adorable Son, also transfixed the soul and Heart of Mary, according to Simeon's prophecy, and made her the Queen of Martyrs. Behold then, O heavenly Father! the disfigured countenance of Thy Son on the cross and the sorrowful Heart of His Mother at the foot of the cross; and by the merits of all the sufferings of Thy Son and of His Blessed Mother, grant eternal repose to the souls in purgatory.

– St. Alphonsus Liguori



All Saints Day

FIRST FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 1

Holy Day of Obligation

7:00 AM Workers' Mass – *No Sermon*

8:30 AM Confessions

9:00 AM High Mass

5:00 PM Exposition, October Devotions

5:30 PM (approx.) Benediction

5:45 PM Low Mass

7:00 PM Vespers of the Day & Vespers of the Dead



The Toties Quoties indulgence for the Poor Souls may be gained from noon on All Saints Day until the church is closed on All Souls Day.



All Souls Day

FIRST SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 2

7:00 AM Final October Devotions

7:30 AM Low Mass

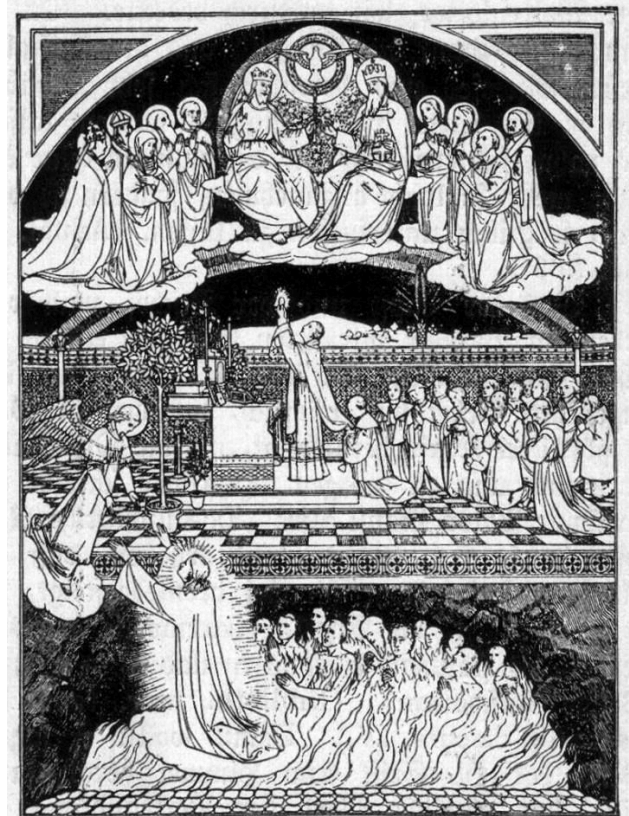
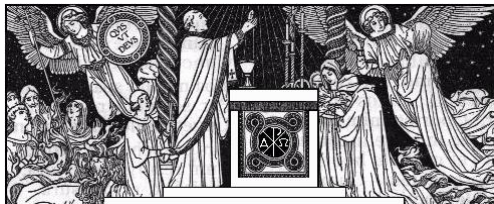
8:00 AM Low Mass

8:30 AM Requiem High Mass, Absolution

9:30 AM Low Mass

10:00 AM Low Mass

10:30 AM Low Mass



THOSE WHO LEAD THE PROCESSION

It does not necessarily follow that those who lead the procession are the most worthy in the eyes of God. A Roman soldier led the procession to Mount Calvary. In all likelihood, judging from the history of the times and the bloodthirsty rabble that was that day in Jerusalem, this man was rather a friend of the devil than a friend of God. Yet he led the greatest procession ever held upon earth. Contrast his stateliness and his arrogance with the humility and the simplicity of Christ. Upon whom were the eyes of God and His angels during that mournful procession? Do not say upon the leader; he was merely a figurehead. He was merely keeping the crowd from losing their way. The eyes of the Godhead rested upon Christ. The angels' gazes were riveted upon Him—yet He was the object of the world's scorn, and was being led, not leading, in the procession of Calvary. So it is in every act of the drama of life; there are those who are leading and those who are being led. Leadership gives authority, but it does not give sanctity. Children who never did more than live lives of obedience to their parents and obeyed the law of God in the obscure corner of the earth where they lived, have gone into the Kingdom of Heaven before some of the Kings. It is not the place in the procession that counts—it is the fulfilling of the work assigned to us that registers with God. Be first and do the works worthy of the first place, and you will be rewarded for being first; be last and do the works assigned to you with as much zeal as though you were first, and your reward will be as great as the man who is first. God alone is just.



YOU! A SAINT

All Saints' Day reminds us that you also can be a saint. It isn't difficult, in fact it is quite simple. Love God and serve Him. Surely it isn't hard to love and serve God, the God Who has done so much for you; loved you from all eternity, gave you being, cares for you every moment of the day. The God Who created you for happiness, an eternity of happiness.

Yes, we can all be saints. God wants us to be saints. He wants us to be His friends in this world and in Heaven.

The Blessed Virgin, the Apostles, St. John the Baptist, St. Francis Cabrini, who lived right here in America, St. Agnes, St. Martin of Tours, St. Elizabeth, St. Maria Goretti, and many, many more once were boys and girls. They had mothers and fathers just as we have. They lived in this world. They played, laughed and cried just as we do.

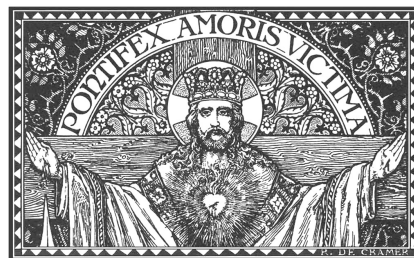
The Saints are our brothers and sisters, for the Communion of Saints makes of us all one family. The Saints are God's friends and ours. They will help us on our way to sanctity. We should read stories of their lives, for their holiness will inspire us to avoid sin and to imitate them in holiness.

We, like the Saints, when assisting at Holy Mass, will be grateful for the opportunity of offering with the priest the sacrifice of Calvary again renewed on our altars. We will long for Holy Communion and will receive often, knowing that Jesus wants our souls to be well fed and cared for.

We will become more holy, more loving, more kind, and in this way we can become saints.

HOW JESUS CHRIST MUST REIGN OVER THE HOUSEHOLD

...It is not enough that married people should take Jesus Christ as their King at the beginning of their wedded life. This loving Sovereign also wishes to continue reigning over them through a mutual and sincere charity founded on His holy love. For He is the King of charity and Prince of peace, and therefore He flees from those households where strife, evil speech and bad behavior are the rule; where the husband ill-treats the wife and the wife does not respect the husband; where children influenced by the bad example of their parents go so far as to insult them.



...Now, then, if married people wish Jesus to reign over their households, it is necessary that they should have a right and Christian idea of the holiness of marriage and that their hearts should be made one by the presence of divine charity. This godly virtue will level, so to speak, those differences of character and opinion which might otherwise become sources of perpetual bitterness.

✠ CALENDAR

MON 10/28/24 SS. SIMON & JUDE, APP
8:00 AM Low Mass For those who have miscarried or lost a child (*Phyllis Kiernan*)
11:25 AM High Mass Bishop Charles McGuire (*Steve & Joanne Heckenkamp*)
3:00 PM October Devotions

TUE 10/29/24 RESUMED MASS OF SUNDAY
7:00 AM Low Mass †Margaret Rabjohns (*KR*)
8:00 AM Low Mass Dexter Ball (*Alex Ball*)
11:25 AM High Mass Billy Young – Happy Birthday (*Mom & Pop*)
3:00 PM October Devotions
5:00 PM Low Mass The Poor Souls in Purgatory (*Elizabeth Gunsher*)

WED 10/30/24 FERIAL DAY
7:00 AM Low Mass For all who made us meals (*Levi Giese family*)
8:00 AM Low Mass Joseph Young – Happy Birthday (*Mom & Pop*)
11:25 AM Votive High Mass of St. Joseph Our Clergy & their intentions (*The Oblates*)
2:45 PM Exposition, October Devotions
3:10 PM Benediction, Holy Communion
5:10 PM Low Mass †Mr. & †Mrs. Henry Sieverding (*C. Simpson family*)

THU 10/31/24 VIGIL OF ALL SAINTS
7:00 AM Low Mass For a new job quickly (*KR*)
8:00 AM Low Mass Special intention deceased (*Erika McKnight*)
11:25 AM High Mass Debbie Viox (*The Oblates*)
3:00 PM October Devotions

FRI 11/1/24 ALL SAINTS DAY HOLY DAY
FIRST FRIDAY
7:00 AM Workers' Mass – No Sermon †Ronald E. Kitchen (*Marge Kitchen*)
8:30 AM Confessions
9:00 AM High Mass †Michelle Melzer (Nana) (*The Stafford Family*)
5:00 PM Exposition, October Devotions
5:30 PM (approx.) Benediction
5:45 PM Low Mass For the people of St. Gertrude the Great
7:00 PM Vespers of the Day & Vespers of the Dead

SAT 11/2/24 ALL SOULS DAY
FIRST SATURDAY
7:00 AM October Devotions
7:30 AM Low Mass All of the Faithful Departed
8:00 AM Low Mass The Mind of the Church
8:30 AM High Mass All whose names are on the altar
Absolution
9:30 AM Low Mass All whose names are on the altar
10:00 AM Low Mass All of the Faithful Departed
10:30 AM Low Mass The Mind of the Church



¶ FALL FESTIVAL RECAP

Thank you everyone for participating and contributing to the Sodality Fall Festival! We had several enticing items for sale at our nine booths. Hopefully they all did well. Besides the booths inside, we also had a lot of outdoor activity. The games were a hit and we even ran out of prizes this year! The Hop River Band played excellently and we hope to host them in future years.

Now, for the information everyone is waiting for... We had twelve pies for judging this year and three pies were chosen for awards.

Patsy McConnell won 3rd place, a \$10 gift certificate to the bookstore, with her cherry cheese pie,

2nd place with its gift basket was awarded to Judy Metz with her plum pie.

And lastly, Patsy McConnell walked away with the \$50 cash prize for first place with her German chocolate pie!

If you have not received your prizes yet, please pick them up in the bookstore.

All in all the Sodality made \$520.

Thank you everyone for your wonderful bakes and participating in the festivities.



Servers

FRI 11/1 5:45 PM LOW: Capetillos

SAT 11/2 7:30 AM LOW: Brueggemann
8:30 AM HIGH: D. Simpson, & N. & M. Kolenich

SUN 11/3 7:30 AM LOW: M. McConnell, Brueggemann
9:00 AM SOL. HIGH: MCS: T. Lawrence, S. Richesson **TH:** C. Arlinghaus **ACs:** M. Caggese, J. Rabjohns **TBs:** I. Smith, Ma. & P. Caggese, J. & N. Hudson, L. Rabjohns
11:30 AM LOW: Kolenichs
4:45 PM VESPERS & BENEDICTION: D. Simpson, I. Smith
5:45 PM LOW: Volunteer

SUN 11/3/24 PENTECOST XXIV • WITHIN THE OCTAVE
BL. MARTIN DE PORRES, C • OUR LADY OF SUFFRAGE
7:05 AM Rosary
7:30 AM Low Mass †Mr. & †Mrs. Clyde E. Kitchen (*Marge Kitchen*)
8:50 AM All Saints Procession, Solemn High Mass For the Holy Souls in thanksgiving (*C. Simpson family*)
All Saints Party
11:05 AM Rosary
11:30 AM Low Mass Anastasia Prell – Happy Birthday (*Mom & Dad*)
4:45 PM Vespers with Benediction
5:45 PM Low Mass For the people of St. Gertrude the Great
