



The Second Sunday

Today is properly known as the Sunday of the Octave of the Feast of the Most Holy Trinity. An octave is a set of eight days, liturgically normed by the Sunday on which they begin. In this way the Church marks Her most important Feasts - Christmas, Epiphany, Easter, Pentecost, and Trinity - by continuing their observance in the days following the Feast. So today the altar is white, even though it is the Second Sunday after Pentecost.

Cover Art – *Dives and Lazarus*

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The illustration on the cover is an illumination from a Bible from North-western France, from the Monastery St. Bertin, done about 1200 A.✠ D. While the account of the rich man and Lazarus in Luke 16 does not give the rich man's name, the Latin word for "rich", *Dives*, is commonly used in place of his name. In the illustration Lazarus is seen, safe in the bosom of Abraham, while Dives is in torment in hell, begging a drop of water for his tongue.



After Pentecost