

## Santi Gioacchino e Anna ai Monti



**Santi Gioacchino e Anna ai Monti**, also known as **Santi Gioacchino ed Anna al Tuscolano**, is a church in Rome dedicated to Sts Joachim and Anne, parents of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

### History:

In 1723, Fr. Francesco Narici founded a Minim monastery on the site, as a female partner community for the Minim friars nearby at San Francesco a Paola.. This stood only for a few decades, as Pope Clement XIII had it demolished in 1760 and built a new monastery and church. It was consecrated in 1781 by Pope Pius VI.

In 1873 the convent was secularized, and eventually turned into a police station. However, the church was kept open and is now a dependent church of the parish of San Martino ai Monti with its own diocesan priest in charge.

In 1774 a treasure was found in a chamber behind an old wall of the monastery. Popular tradition attributed this treasure of a Polish king who lived in the area, hence the name of the staircase that runs alongside our church, namely *Monte Polish*. The monastery is now home to a police station.

The church is served by diocesan clergy.

### Exterior:

The overall exterior plan of the edifice is rectangular, with an attached five-sided apse at a much lower elevation. The roofs of nave and apse are pitched and tiled, and the nave roof is hipped at the apse end. There is a little bellcote attached to the top of the left hand side wall, which is invisible from the street. The architectural details are in travertine, and the background walls surfaces have been recently re-rendered in a tan color.

The 18th century façade has four gigantic pilasters with Corinthian capitals, the volutes of which are unusually prominent. The central pair of pilasters is tripled, that is, they look as if the front pilaster is partially hiding two more. There are five windows. Two are on each side, one above the other in between the pilasters, and one is above the door. The top two of the side windows have scallop-shell decorations above them. In front of the door there are a few steps. The doorcase is unusually tall, as it encloses a transom window as well as the door, and above it is a raised segmental pediment containing a putto's head and swags. The pilaster capitals stop at a string course at the level of the top of the central window, but the pilasters are continued to the cornice of a double pediment. This has a segmental pediment inserted into a triangular one, the former containing a little oeil-du-boeuf window. The portion of the triangle above the segment is brought forward.

**Interior:**

The church has a Greek cross plan with a central dome. The four arms have barrel-vaulted ceilings. The main decoration are stucco cherubs.

Above the high altar is a tympanon with cherubs in glory, and a painting of the *Madonna, St Anne and St Joachim*.

**Note:**

The feast of Sts Joachim and Anne is celebrated on 26 July.

**Location:**

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Coordinates: [41° 53' 40.4"N 12° 29' 38.3"E](#)

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