

Santa Maria del Sole

(Deconsecrated)



The **church of Santa Maria del Sole** is a desecrated church of Rome in the neighborhood Ripa, in Piazza Bocca della Verità.

History:

The earliest mention of this church is in a bull of Pope Innocent II of October 27, 1140. Indeed, it was built in the 12th century, at the involvement of the Savelli family, using the structures of the Temple of Hercules, along the banks of the Tiber, and was dedicated to St. Stephen, which was added the title *round* soon, to the peculiar construction and this led, in later centuries, to confuse it with 'homonymous church to Celio.

From the 16th century is also called St. Stephen's *carriages*, named after the homonymous street from the church led to the church of Santa Galla, now no longer exists.

Around the name of *Santa Maria del Sole*, Armellini reports this legend:

"The year 1560 was living in an adjacent one woman Geronima Latins than 115 years old that God had given her virginity. Her brother, crossing the Tiber swim saw a picture of the Virgin painted on papyrus and took it and gave it to her sister that among the gems of his casket shut. After a few days upon entering the room saw the image and so resplendent as the sun surrounded by ravs. All of Rome saw the fame of the miracle and

The miraculous image was then transported to the nearby church of Santo Stefano Rotondo, which later changed its name to Santa Maria del Sole, the requests for documents attested by the mid-17th century.

In the early 19th century the church was restored by the Valadier.

At the end of the century it was desecrated and was restored the ancient Roman temple, with the removal of all structures that over the centuries there were additions.

Art:

The work of transforming the medieval temple of Hercules in the Christian church required the re-roofing and the construction of a wall between the twenty columns of the portico.

Inside the building still has a marble plaque with the dedication of the church to the Madonna.

There are also some remains of frescoes from the 15th century depicting *God the Father*, *Jesus*, *some martyrs*, and another that depicts *Mary with the baby*.

Location:

Coordinates: [41° 53' 19.5"N 12° 28' 50.7"E](#)

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