

## Santa Maria delle Lauretane

(Façade only)



**Santa Maria delle Lauretane** is a lost Baroque hospital church that used to be at Via di San Giovanni in Laterano 33. This is in the rione Monti. The dedication was to the Blessed Virgin Mary under her title of Our Lady of Loreto.

### History

In the middle of the 17<sup>th</sup> century the Calced Carmelite priest Angelo Paolo from San Martino ai Monti initiated the building of a small church dedicated to the Virgin Mary at the "stradone di San Giovanni" (the present Via di San Giovanni in Laterano) in the vicinity of the basilica of San Clemente. Nearby, some noblewomen, under the leadership of the principessa Teresa Doria-Pamphili, had instituted an asylum for poor and orphan girls. The asylum was soon entrusted to Lauretane nuns, i.e. under the protection of the Madonna of Loreto. In 1715 the condition of the buildings and the church and also the growth of the parish prompted pope Clement XI (1700-1721) to commission the architect Giuseppe Sardi (1680-1753) to rebuild the convent school and the small adjacent church. Sardi designed a new church with an elliptical ground-plan and a profound apse.

Today all that remains of the convent and the church is the long three-storeyed façade of the convent with the façade of the church at its center. The façade, with its colossal order, has Ionic semicolumns and pilasters flanking the doorway and partly the central semicircular window, over which a broken triangular pediment is placed. The window is also surmounted by a cherub in stucco. The façade of Santa Maria delle Lauretane has recently been renovated.

**Location:**

Via di San Giovanni in Laterano 33

Cooed: [41° 53' 22.9" N, 12° 29' 45" E](#)

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