

# Oratorio del Santissimo Sacramento e Cinque Piaghe

(Deconsecrated)



The 17<sup>th</sup> century Oratory of the Blessed Sacrament and of the Five Wounds is a deconsecrated Baroque oratory in Rione Parione.

## History:

The Oratory belongs to the *Confraternity of the Blessed Sacrament and of the Five Wounds*, which was founded by Pope Julius II at the beginning of the 16<sup>th</sup> century, and aided by generosity of a Spanish noblewoman, Teresa Enriquez.

In 1611 the confraternity commissioned the architect Giulio Rainaldo the task of building an oratory for themselves with an entrance opposite St. Lorenzo in Damaso, the parish church. In 1617 the construction began by Giovan Battista Scala. The facade was constructed devoid of ornamentation.

The Oratory was the subject of a major restoration in 1871 and renovated by Luigi Tedeschi, who reversed the orientation and provided the façade on Via dei Baullari.

The oratory was deconsecrated in the late 20<sup>th</sup> century as being surplus to requirements, but is still often described as being a place of worship. The Oratory is now the headquarters of the *Regina Apostolorum*.

**Exterior:**

The façade has two classical stories. The first is marked by two columns and two pillars in the round with Ionic capitals, supporting an entablature and standing on two high plinths either side of the entrance. Above the latter is a dedicatory inscription, then a horizontal cornice topped by a square window.

Above the entablature is a large arched window having doubled square Ionic pilasters supporting the arch, which is topped by a segmental pediment. Two concave curves sweep down from the pediment architrave to a pair of urns on top of two pilasters flanking the first story.

Above the tympanum, a penthouse with four statues of angels, and a window decoration in the center with the sides.

**Interior:**

The interior is divided into two areas: a narrow staircase leads to a large rectangular room with an altar in the wall of the first floor. On the left wall there is a Christ that shows the wounds of fine Cinquecento.

**Location:**

Via dei Baullari 144

Coord: [41° 53' 47.2" N, 12° 28' 21.4" E](#)

**Links:**

1. [http://romanchurches.wikia.com/wiki/Santissimo\\_Sacramento\\_e\\_Cinque\\_Piaghe](http://romanchurches.wikia.com/wiki/Santissimo_Sacramento_e_Cinque_Piaghe)
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