

**Our Lady of Peace
Church of the
Prelature
of Opus Dei**

75, Viale Bruno Buozzi
00197 Rome, Italy
Tel. 06-808961

Open daily 8.30 a.m. – 8.45 p.m.
(from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m., use
entrance at no. 36 Via di Villa
Sacchetti).

Mass: Daily 8.30 a.m. and
12 noon.

Confessions: in English, French,
German, Italian, Portuguese and
Spanish. Groups wishing to give
advance notice of their visit, and
priests wishing to celebrate
Mass, please telephone the
number given above.

Useful telephone numbers:

Rome Tourist Information:
06-36004399

Fiumicino Airport:
06-65951 (main switchboard)
06-65953640 (flight arrivals
and departures)

Stazione Termini:
848-888088

Taxis:
06-3570, 06-4994, 06-8822

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Route from St Peter's
to Our Lady of Peace

 Tourist Information
Points

How to get there:

 **By Bus:**

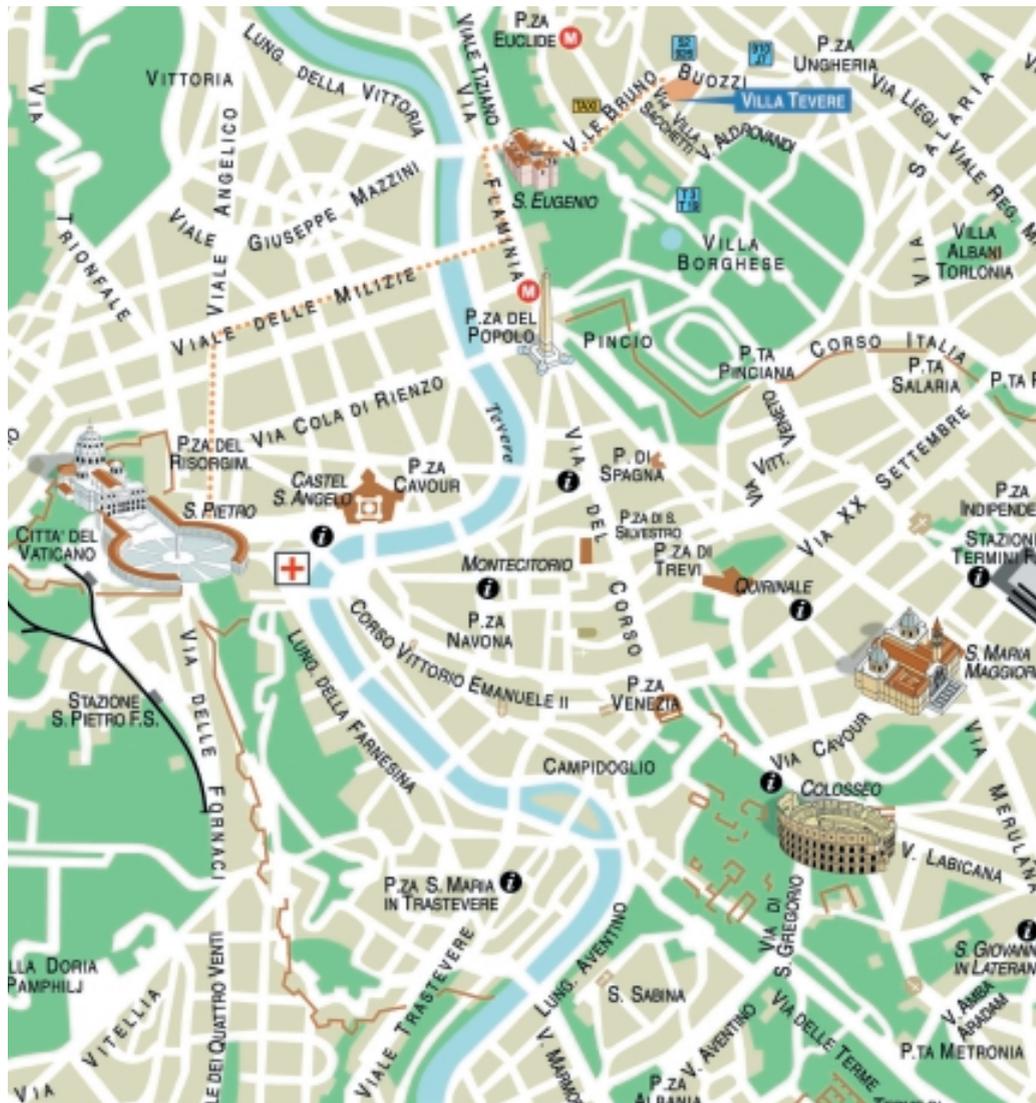
- *No. 52:* from Piazza San Silvestro, get off in Viale Bruno Buozzi
- *No. J 7:* from Piazza San Silvestro, get off in Via F. Sciacci
- *No. 926:* from Piazza Cavour, get off in Piazza Don Minzoni
- *No. 910:* from Stazione Termini, get off in Via F. Sciacci

 **By Metro:**

- *Linea A:* Flaminio Station: 30 minutes' walk, or take bus 926 (see above) from near-by Via Flaminia, opposite the Ministero de la Marina.
- *Linea B:* Policlinico Station: then take tram no. 3 or 19 and get off in Via Aldrovandi.

 **By Tram:**

- *No. 3 or 19,* get off in Via Aldrovandi

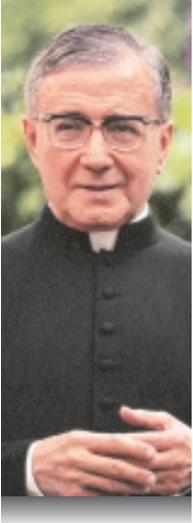


Rome



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Opus Dei

A place of prayer,
housing the mortal remains of
Saint Josemaria Escrivá



Saint Josemaría in the Church of Our Lady of Peace

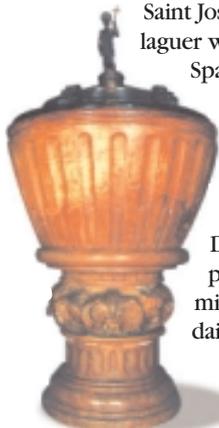
“God loves everyone, and he wants everyone to love him — everyone, whatever our personal situation, our social position, our job. Ordinary life is something of great value. All the ways of the earth can be an opportunity to meet Christ, who calls us to identify ourselves with him and carry out his divine mission — right where he finds us.”

Saint Josemaría Escrivá

AN INTERCESSOR BEFORE GOD

Saint Josemaría Escrivá de Balaguer was born in Barbastro, Spain in 1902 and ordained to the priesthood in 1925. On October 2, 1928, by divine inspiration, he founded Opus Dei, opening up a new path to holiness in the middle of the world, in daily work and the fulfillment of ordinary family, work and social commit-

The atrium of the church holds the baptismal font (donated by the Diocese of Barbastro, Spain) at which Saint Josemaría was baptized in 1902 when just a few days old. His mother, Dolores Albas, and his sister Carmen were also baptized at this font.



Wooden rose found by Saint Josemaría in the Rialp Forest, Spain, in 1937. He always considered this as a caress from our Lady at a time of great trial. It is now kept at the back of the nave.

“St. Josemaría was chosen by the Lord to proclaim the universal call to holiness and to indicate that everyday life, its customary activities, are a path towards holiness. It could be said that he was the saint of the ordinary. He was really convinced that, for whoever lives with an outlook of faith, everything offers an opportunity for a meeting with God, everything becomes a stimulus for prayer.”

John Paul II

ments. The universal nature of Opus Dei, and his great love for the Church and the Pope, led Mgr Escrivá to move to Rome in 1946. From the Eternal City he spread the call to holiness to faithful Christians in all five continents. He died in Rome on June 26, 1975. He was canonized by Pope John Paul II on October 6, 2002.

His mortal remains are contained in a casket located beneath the altar of the Church of Our Lady of Peace. Millions of people throughout the world turn to Saint Josemaría’s intercession to gain graces of every kind from God. And many people come to the Church of the Prelature to continue their petition or give thanks for graces received through his intercession.

October 6, 2002
Canonization of the Founder of Opus Dei



Blessed Sacrament Chapel



THE CHURCH

On December 31, 1959, Saint Josemaría celebrated the first Mass in the church of

Our Lady of Peace. After Opus Dei was established as a personal prelature, this became the Church of the Prelature. Saint Josemaría’s devotion to our Lady is the reason for the title of this church and the main picture. The crypt of the church holds the Blessed Sacrament



Altar over Saint Josemaría’s mortal remains.



Way of the Cross, 12th Station: Christ on the Cross. Ceramic tiles.

Chapel and confessionals. Saint Josemaría preached with untiring zeal on our need for the sacraments of Reconciliation and the Eucharist, given by God to his children as a source of peace and never-ending joy.

The crypt is also the burial-place of Bishop Alvaro del Portillo (1914-1994), Saint Josemaría’s first successor at the head of Opus Dei.



Our Lady of Peace. Main picture.

“Holy Mary is the Queen of peace, and thus the Church invokes her. So when your soul or your family are troubled, or things go wrong at work, in society or between nations, cry out to her without ceasing. Call to her by this title: ‘Regina pacis, ora pro nobis — Queen of peace, pray for us.’ Have you at least tried it when you have lost your calm? You will be surprised at its immediate effect.”

Saint Josemaría Escrivá