

The final resting place of Pope Francis

Foregoing the traditional practice of being interred in the Vatican Grottoes beneath St Peter's, Pope Francis chose to be laid to rest inside the *Papal Basilica of Santa Maria Maggiore*



Pauline Chapel: Home to icon of Virgin Mary, *Salus Populi Romani* (above), said to have been painted from life by **Saint Luke**. Pope Francis visited here often

Bell tower:
Tallest in Rome at 75m

BASILICA OF SAINT MARY MAJOR

Largest church in Rome dedicated to veneration of **Blessed Virgin Mary**

Sacra Culla: Wooden fragments believed to be from crib of baby **Jesus**

FLOOR PLAN

Tomb of **Bernini**

Apse

Sistine Chapel

POPE'S TOMB IN NICHE BETWEEN TWO CHAPELS

Sforza Chapel

Entrance

Baptistry

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