**Gesu Church**

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**Gesu Church** ("Gesu" means "Jesus") is a name used for churches by the [Jesuit Order](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Jesuit_Order). It may refer to an English translation of any of the churches at [Church of the Gesu (disambiguation)](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Church_of_the_Gesu_%28disambiguation%29), most notably the [Church of the Gesù](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Church_of_the_Ges%C3%B9), in Rome, the baroque mother church of the Jesuit Order.

Actual English names include:

* [Gesu Church (Miami, Florida)](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Gesu_Church_%28Miami%2C_Florida%29), listed on the National Register of Historic Places in Miami-Dade County, Florida
* [Gesu Church (Milwaukee, Wisconsin)](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Gesu_Church_%28Milwaukee%2C_Wisconsin%29), listed on the National Register of Historic Places in Milwaukee County, Wisconsin

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| **Church of the GesùChiesa del Santissimo Nome di Gesù all'Argentina** |
| Church of the Gesù, Rome.jpg[Giacomo della Porta](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Giacomo_della_Porta)'s façade, a precursor of the [Baroque](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Baroque) |
| **Basic information** |
| **Location** | Italy[Rome](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Rome), [Italy](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Italy) |
| [**Geographic coordinates**](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Geographic_coordinate_system) | http://upload.wikimedia.org/wikipedia/commons/thumb/5/55/WMA_button2b.png/17px-WMA_button2b.png[41°53′45″N 12°28′47″E﻿ / ﻿41.89583°N 12.47972°E﻿ / 41.89583; 12.47972](http://tools.wmflabs.org/geohack/geohack.php?pagename=Church_of_the_Ges%C3%B9&params=41_53_45_N_12_28_47_E_region:IT-RM_type:landmark)[Coordinates](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Geographic_coordinate_system): http://upload.wikimedia.org/wikipedia/commons/thumb/5/55/WMA_button2b.png/17px-WMA_button2b.png[41°53′45″N 12°28′47″E﻿ / ﻿41.89583°N 12.47972°E﻿ / 41.89583; 12.47972](http://tools.wmflabs.org/geohack/geohack.php?pagename=Church_of_the_Ges%C3%B9&params=41_53_45_N_12_28_47_E_region:IT-RM_type:landmark) |
| [**Affiliation**](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_religions_and_spiritual_traditions) | [Roman Catholic](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Roman_Catholic) |
| **Year consecrated** | 1584 |
| [**Ecclesiastical or organizational status**](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ecclesiastical_polity) | [Church](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Church_%28building%29) |
| **Leadership** | Daniele Libanori, S.J. |
| **Website** | [Official Website](http://www.chiesadelgesu.org/) [Jesuit International Collage](http://www.collegiodelgesu.net/) |
| **Architectural description** |
| [**Architect**](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Architect)**(s)** | [Giacomo Barozzi da Vignola](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Giacomo_Barozzi_da_Vignola)[Giacomo della Porta](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Giacomo_della_Porta) |
| [**Architectural style**](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Architectural_style) | [Mannerist](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Mannerist) |
| **Direction of façade** | [W](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/West) |
| **Groundbreaking** | 1568 |
| **Completed** | 1580 |
| **Specifications** |
| **Length** | 75 metres (246 ft) |
| **Width** | 35 metres (115 ft) |
| **Width (**[**nave**](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Nave)**)** | 25 metres (82 ft) |

The **Church of the Gesù** ([Italian](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Italian_language): *Chiesa del Gesù*; Italian pronunciation: [[ˈkjɛːza del dʒeˈzu]](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Help%3AIPA_for_Italian)) is the [mother church](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Mother_church) of the [Society of Jesus](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Society_of_Jesus), a [Roman Catholic religious order](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Roman_Catholic_religious_order) also known as the Jesuits. Officially named *Chiesa del Santissimo Nome di Gesù all'Argentina*[[1]](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Gesu%22%20%5Cl%20%22cite_note-1)[[2]](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Gesu#cite_note-2) (English: Church of the Most Holy Name of Jesus at the "Argentina"),[[3]](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Gesu#cite_note-3) its facade is "the first truly [baroque](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Baroque_architecture) façade", introducing the baroque style into architecture.[[4]](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Gesu#cite_note-4) The church served as model for innumerable [Jesuit](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Jesuit) churches all over the world, especially in the [Americas](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Americas). The Church of the Gesù is located in the Piazza del Gesù in [Rome](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Rome).

First conceived in 1551 by Saint [Ignatius of Loyola](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ignatius_of_Loyola), the founder of the Jesuits [Society of Jesus](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Society_of_Jesus), and active during the [Protestant Reformation](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Protestant_Reformation) and the subsequent [Catholic Reformation](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Catholic_Reformation), the Gesù was also the home of the [Superior General of the Society of Jesus](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Superior_General_of_the_Society_of_Jesus) until the [suppression of the order](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Suppression_of_the_Jesuits) in 1773.[[5]](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Gesu#cite_note-5)