# Parrocchia di Santa Maria di Castello

**Category:** Sacred Sites
**business description:** The church stands on the ancient fortifications of the Rovereto district, the original nucleus of the city. Built in its current form between 1476 and 1545, it is a fine example of Lombard late Gothic architecture. The brick façade is divided into three parts and embellished with a Renaissance stone portal adorned with bas-reliefs. The interior, in a Latin cross plan, is divided into three naves by cruciform pillars supporting cordoned vaults. The church boasts a rich collection of artistic works: a wooden Crucifix (15th century) attributed to Baldino di Surso; the group of ten polychrome terracotta figures entitled Lamentation over the Dead Christ, attributable to the Lombard cultural sphere of the 16th century; and the 17th-century wooden choir. The masonry remains of two older religious buildings are open to visitors: an early medieval hall church with a large apse (8th-9th century) and a second church with a tri-apse layout from the Carolingian era (11th century). To the left of the church lies the cloister (15th-16th century), whose refectory houses a large Crucifixion, a 1520 fresco by Timoteo da Vercelli.

Open: Monday 10:00-12:00, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday 15:30-18:30, Friday 8:30-10:30, Saturday before Mass 18:30, Sunday before Mass 10:00 and 21:00. Opening hours are subject to change (please check the links below).

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**Admission fee:** No
**other:** Full price ticket €5
reduced price ticket (students up to 18 years of age) and schools €3; free up to 12 years of age and with Torino Musei Membership card
**Animals welcome:** Yes

## Links

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