

Catholic Places of Worship



Unlike a church, a **chapel** serves as a space for worship without a designated priest, and it does not have a permanent congregation. A chapel is typically smaller than a church.

A **church** is defined as a place of worship that has a permanent congregation and is led by a pastor or priest.



A **basilica** is a notable church structure recognized by the Vatican due to its profound historical, spiritual, and architectural significance.

A **shrine** is a church or another sacred location that either houses a relic or commemorates an apparition or significant historical event of faith.



A **cathedral** serves as the principal church for the bishop or archbishop of a diocese. It functions as the main church of a diocese and serves as a parish church within itself.