Roma



Stephanie booked us an apartment in a palace in Rome



The front door



The inner gate







and our clock tower



nearby, Campo dei Fiori overseen by a somber Giordano Bruno

(he was burned at the stake here)



there's a great market here everyday













it's fun to shop, but....

...there are sights to be seen!





love the newly built next to the original





a walk through the forum, with the ghosts of the ancients







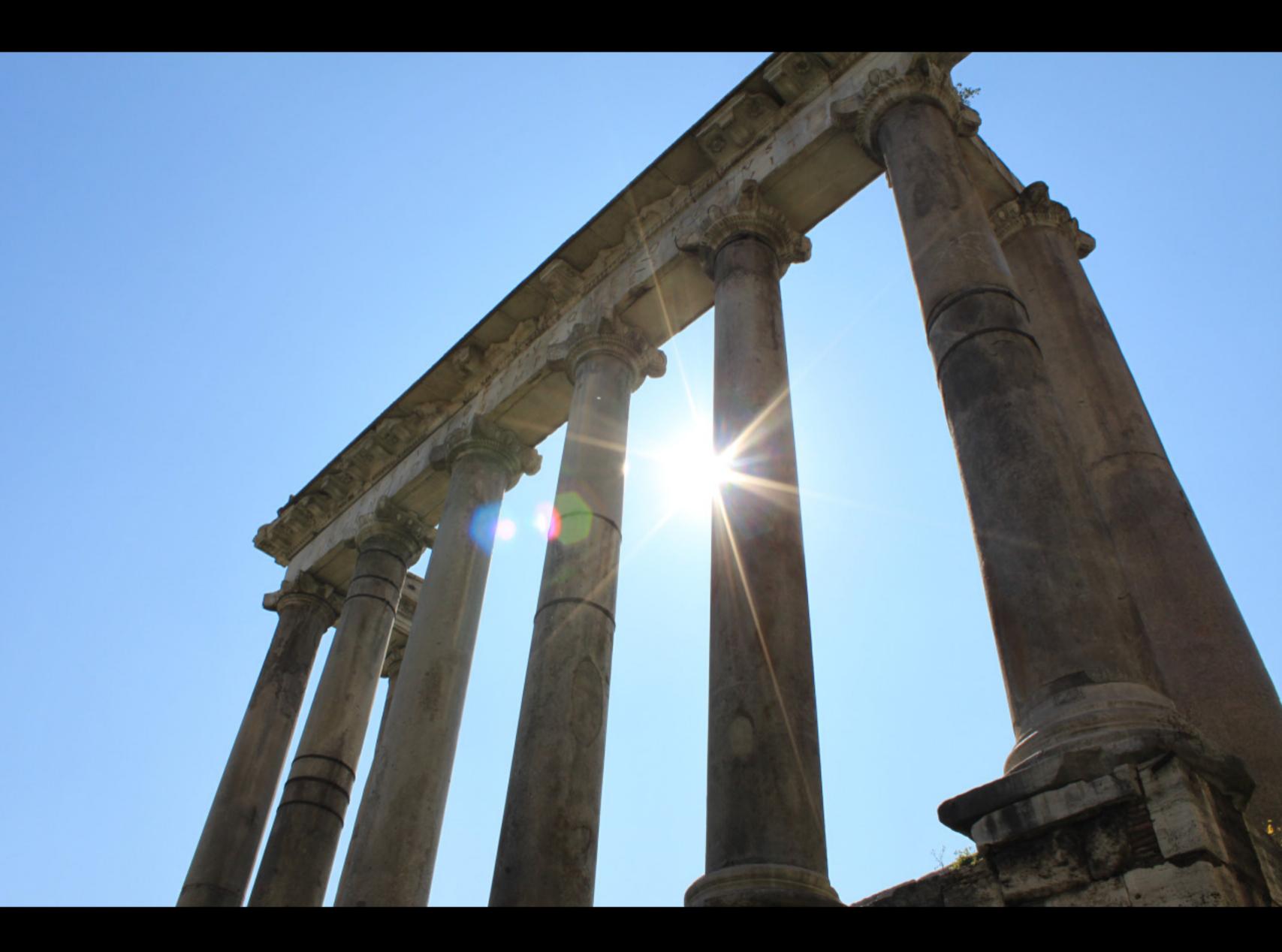
"It's so hard to see the buttons on this remote"





people still leave flowers for Julius Caesar











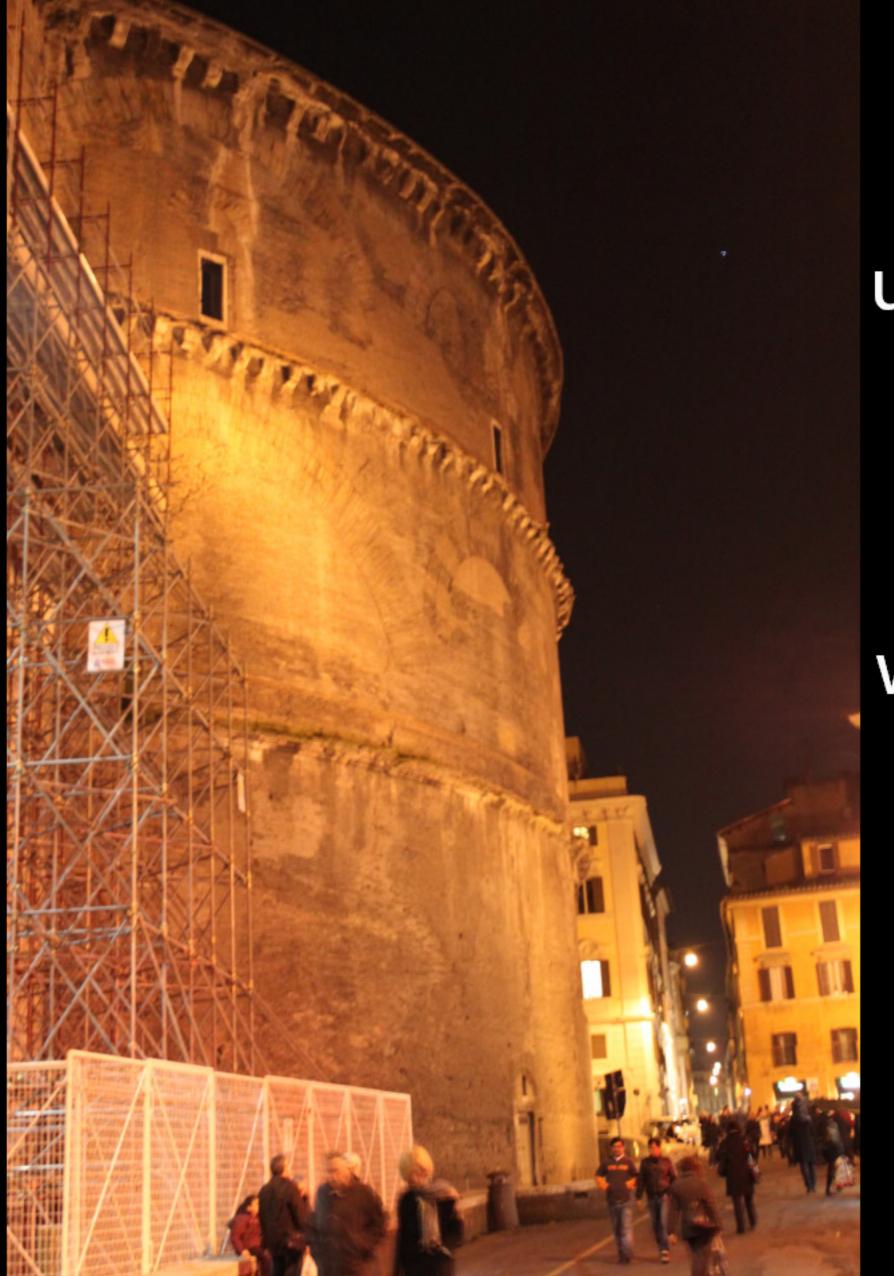


What do you mean, "I bet those Christians were tasty?"





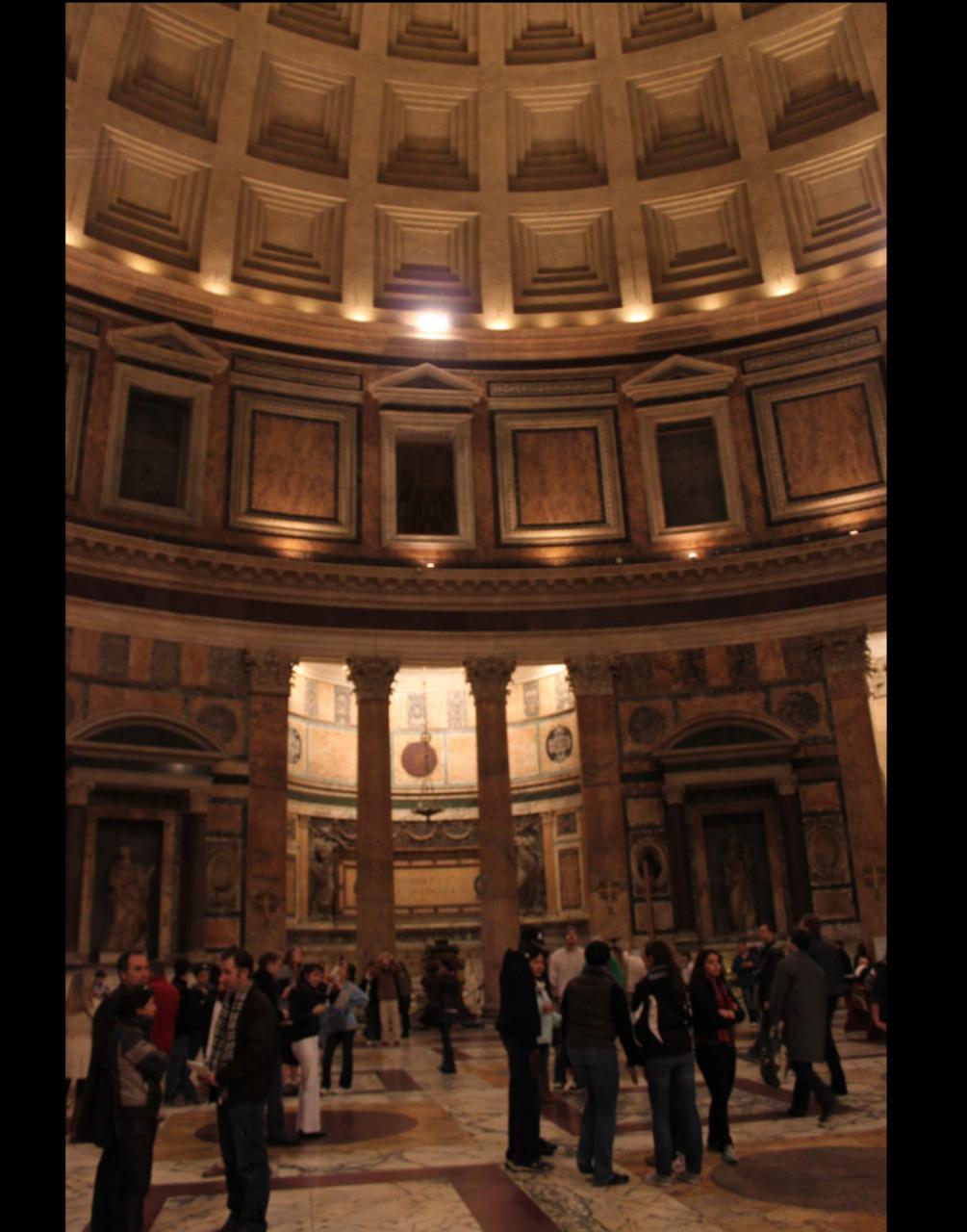




An unassuming exterior belies the marvel which is the Pantheon



These are solid granite columns supporting the portal



the Pantheon is the greatest building in Rome, IMHO







there are Egyptian obelisks all over the city



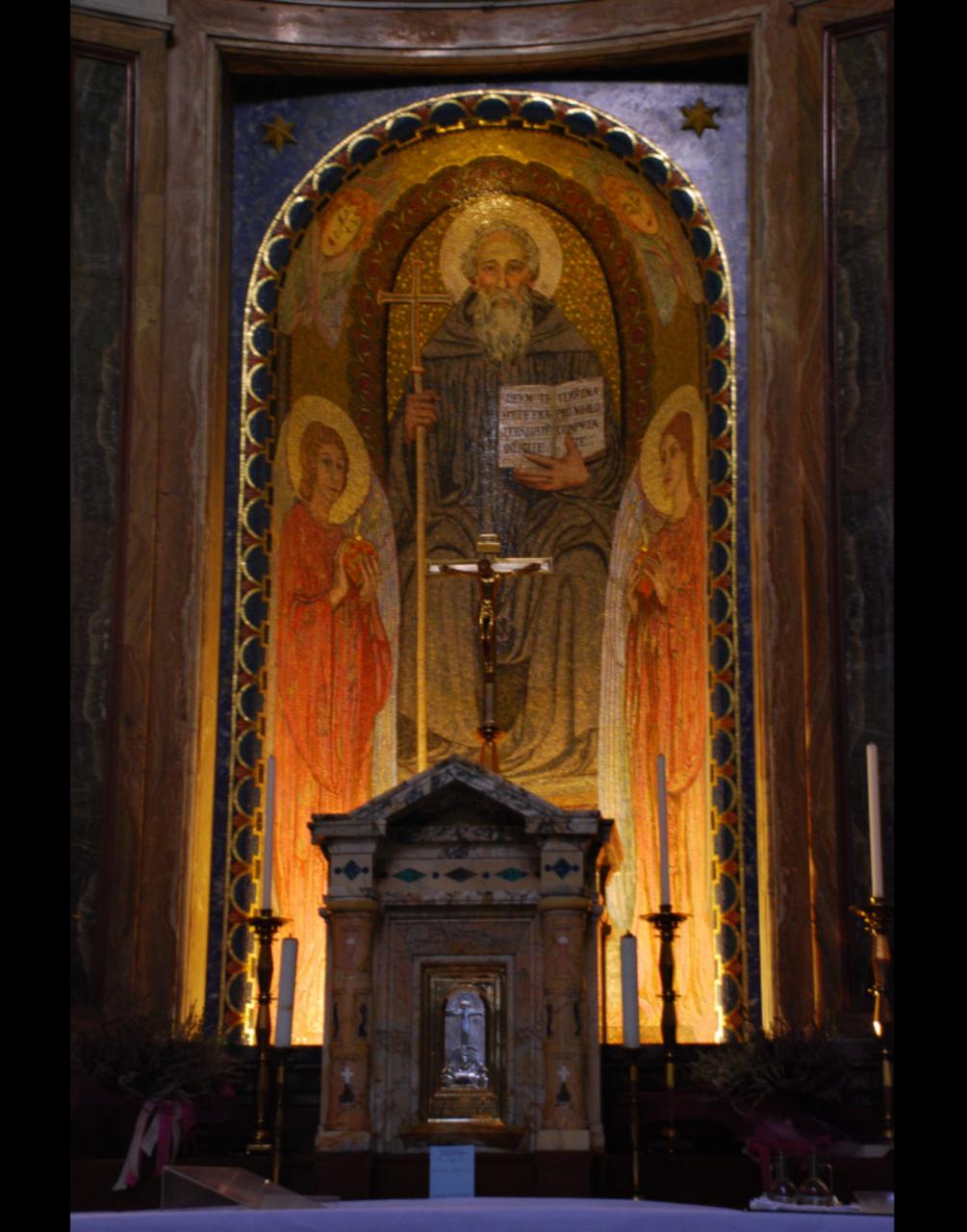


often topped with crosses outside churches



(a flayed saint holding his skin)

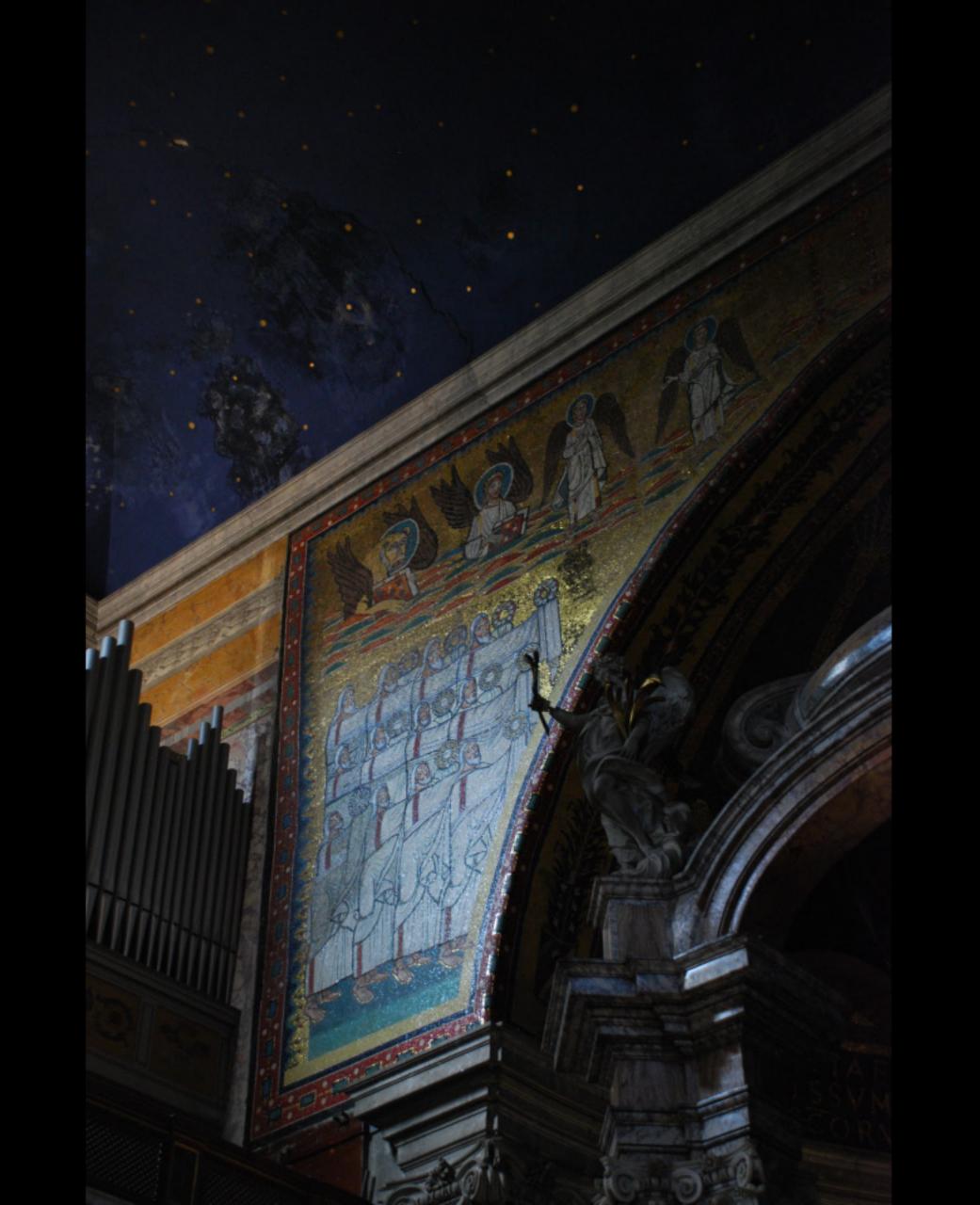
and inside, wonders of all sorts

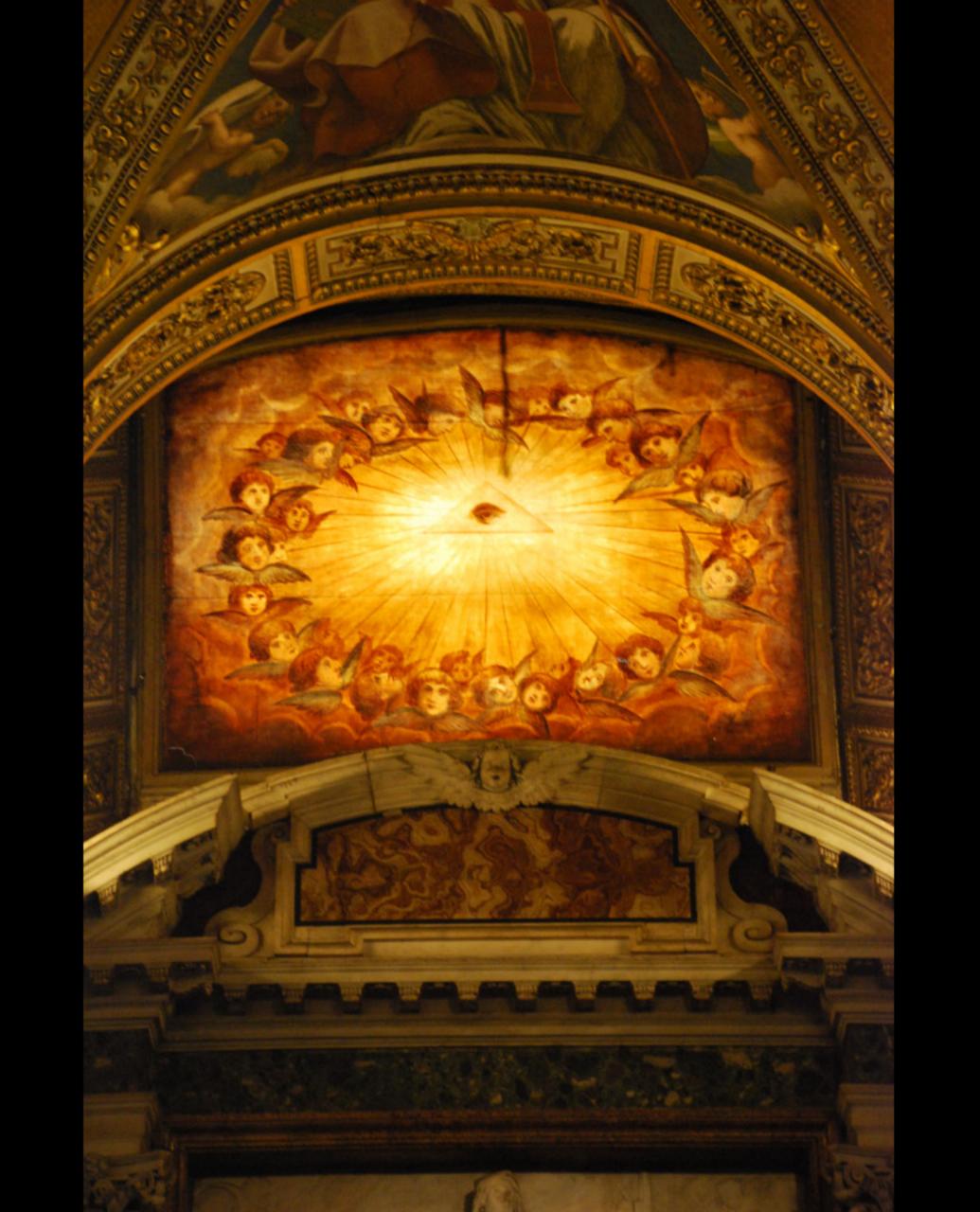














and relics, like a piece of the manger



or the column Jesus was tied to and whipped



or the chains that bound Peter



and even steps trod upon by Jesus himself not a relic, but a really big Easter egg!



behind this simple facade...



...a magnificant basilica







but the church of churches is St. Peter's





it is all about grand



















Rome is filled with fountains, all gravity fed





the view from the top of the Spanish Steps





eating is always part of the trip











and sometimes, it's a treasure





and there is always room for dessert



some like a different sort of goody









and the grandest museum in town





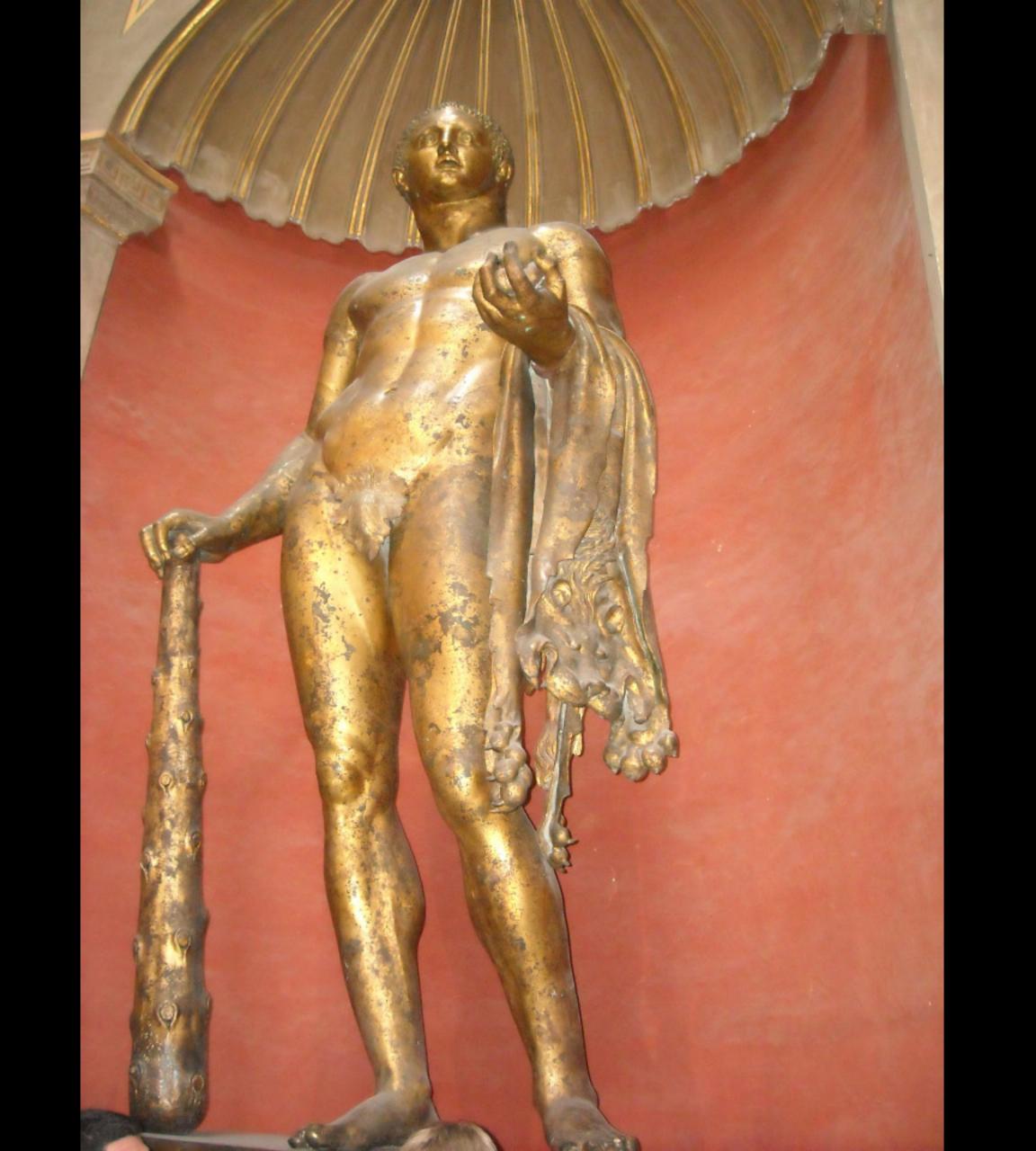






















half the fun is just walking the streets and squares

















These clever drinking fountains were life savers









and window shopping is a treat











a gift for the girl back home



the three sisters at the Trevi fountain they say that if you toss in a coin over your shoulder, you will return to Rome one day

