

The Catholic Church of Obertraun

is picturesquely situated at the foot of the Sarstein

Here are the key details about this historic building:



- **Foundation:** The church was established in **1770** by **Empress Maria Theresa**
- **Architecture:** It is a simple, **late Baroque church with a vaulted ceiling**. A characteristic feature is the small ridge turret¹ above the west facade. The building was **constructed in 1771**.
- **Interior:**
 - The **high altar** features statues of Saint Peter and Saint Paul.
 - The **church's chancel** was redesigned in 2015 by the artist **Stefan Esterbauer**, who comes from Hochburg-Ach in Upper Austria. The altar was consecrated on 31 May 2015 by the then Bishop of Linz, Dr Ludwig Schwarz.
 - **Interchangeable altarpieces:** 5 different altarpieces can be manually installed depending on the liturgical season of the church year.
 - The church houses two large paintings by **Johann Georg Dominikus Grasmair** from 1740, depicting St Jerome and St John the Baptist.
- **Significance:** The church is an important testament to the history of the Counter-Reformation in the Salzkammergut, as it was established as a Catholic benefice in a region strongly influenced by Protestantism.
- **Status:** The church is a **listed building** and is dedicated to the **Holy Trinity**. In 2021, the parish celebrated the 250th anniversary of its 'imperial' establishment.

¹ A ridge turret (occasionally known as a ridge rider) is a small tower situated on the ridge of a building's roof (,riding" upon it').

- **Pastoral care:** Since 2025, the Catholic parish of Obertraun has been led by a pastoral team consisting of 9 women.
- **Services** are held every Sunday at 09:00. Information about current events can be found in the display case outside the church.
- **Ecumenism:** The 'Ecumenical Path' – in the form of red paving stones – connects the Catholic Church with the Evangelical Prayer House. Together with the 'Ecumenical Monument' standing between the churches, it symbolises the good cooperation between our religious communities.



Catholic Church Obertraun – Chancel



Ecumenical Monument

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