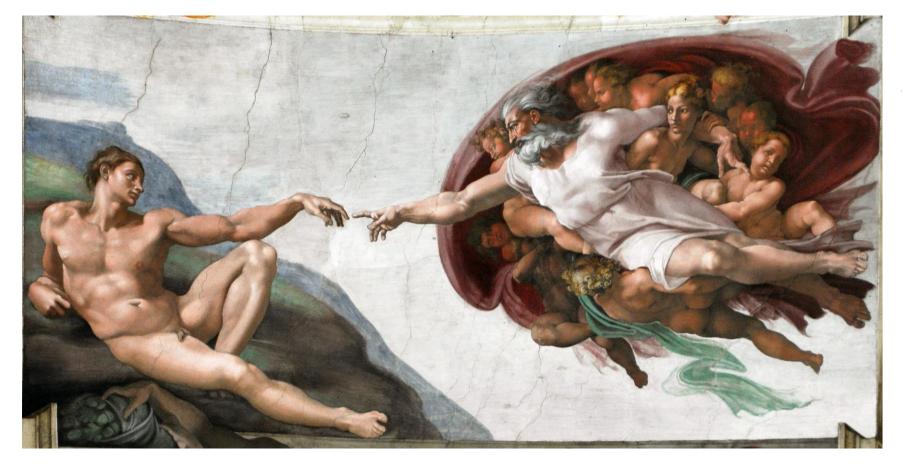


## **About the Sistine Chapel**

This rather austere building exterior is the largest chapel in the Vatican city and a veritable treasure house.

Pope Sixtus IV, commissioned some of the most celebrated Renaissance painters to decorate the ceilings of the Chapel, names like Botticelli and Rosselli decorated the ceiling which at this point was a blue sky with stars. Later in 1503 the then Pope Julius II commanded the sculptor as Michelangelo then was to decorate the chapel ceiling, which though the artists strongly resisted, he spent four years often perched on scaffolding close to the ceiling creating the masterpieces we recognize until today. During the tortuous process Michelangelo suffered greatly and damaged his eyesight in the process.



Some 20 years later another Pope this time Pope Clement VII, brought Michelangelo then 60 years old back to create the masterpiece 'The last supper' behind the alter. During the 80's extensive renovation work brought back the brilliance of the work created so long ago, and admired by so many generations of visitors. Clearly no visit to Rome can be complete without a visit to this wondrous building.

Virtual visit of the Sistine Chapel Friday 30<sup>th</sup> October | 11:00-11:45

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