

April 13, 2026



Wednesday:

**March 15, 2026**

9 a.m. to 5 p.m.



### **Fortitude, Explained!**

“When you go out to war against your enemies and you see horses and chariots and an army greater than your own, you shall not be afraid of them,” we read in Deuteronomy 20:1. “For the Lord, your God...will be with you.”

The virtue of fortitude actually requires, first and foremost, the feeling of fear. In order to grow in fortitude, one must face a thing which frightens him; in that way, it is distinct from patience and perseverance. Christ shows perfect fortitude as he endures his Passion and death, of which he was indeed afraid; it is likewise shown by martyrs. But fortitude doesn't require a cinematic battle. Fortitude can be shown by someone who is afraid of losing his job or of being in bodily danger simply for adhering to the laws of God. What is important is that the courage shown is *in pursuit of the good*, not just bearing with an attack.

Our Lenten, Holy Week, and Easter observances were made so very special by our Altar Society, our liturgical ministers, and our musicians. Easter Morning Mass was so very beautiful. Thank you to all our volunteers who give the gift of time to prepare and participate.

April  
Showers  
Bring May  
flowers