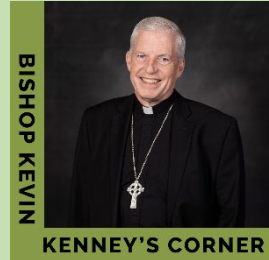


**Friday, July 25, 2025  
Sixteenth  
Week in Ordinary Time**



*Good Morning!*

*We celebrate Saint James. We read 2 Corinthians 4:7-15, Psalm 126, and Matthew 20:20-28. Have you ever been embarrassed by someone who requested something for you that you really did not want? James and John's mother asked Jesus for the privilege of sitting one at his right and the other at his left. Jesus answered with calm. The others indeed were pretty upset! Jesus responds, "Whoever wishes to be great among you shall be your servant. The Son of Man did not come to be served but to serve and to give his life for many. Paul reminds us of the grace bestowed in abundance on more and more people. What a blessing this grace which causes thanksgiving to overflow for the glory of God. God's grace is enough for us! This is the message I received one year ago as it was announced publicly that I had been appointed Auxiliary Bishop of Saint Paul/Minneapolis. God's grace is enough!*

*Peace,  
MostRevKev*

*"Those who sow in tears shall reap rejoicing."*

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