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## Fourth Sunday of Advent December 20, 2015

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*And how does this happen to me,  
that the mother of my Lord  
should come to me?*

—Luke 1:43



### Pastor's Column

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#### **Yes, We Have Arrived...No, We Have Not Arrived!**

Now that we are in our new permanent home, our House of Worship, I, along with many others, find myself saying "We have arrived..."

There is a great feeling of accomplishment that, after 30 years, we have arrived. We are in our permanent home.

But we need to remember that this grand accomplishment is not an end in itself, but it is a means to an end.

This magnificent building is meant to help us better worship our God and to strengthen us in our efforts as we reach out in loving service, in the name of Jesus, to the world around us.

If we fail to do this, we have built to no avail! The building, as beautiful as it is, becomes meaningless.

So, "Yes, we have arrived..." not in a sense of completion, but as one more step along our faith journey as St. Thomas More Catholic Church.

So, "No, we have not arrived..." because we still have a long way to go. We continue praising our God and reaching out in loving service, sharing the Good News of Jesus Christ, with the world around us.

We will have arrived, one day, as we make our entrance into our Father's House, and He says to us: "Welcome, good and faithful servant!"

In the meantime, we continue our journey, celebrating the milestones along the way.

Our Church, our Home, our House of Worship is one of those milestones.

*Fr. Mike*

**Vigil of Christmas | Thursday, December 24**  
**Masses at 4:00pm, 6:00pm, and 10:00pm**  
**Christmas Day | Friday, December 25**  
**Mass at 9:30am**