



COME FOLLOW ME — MT 9:9

May 1, 2019

Dear Members of St. Matthew Parish and our friends in the community:

Late Tuesday night St. Matthew Parish Church was vandalized with a broken window and a small, fire. Thankfully no one was injured and minimal damage was done in the church. There was no damage in the school.

Although authorities indicate the fire was started intentionally on a small carpet area, the authorities feel this wasn't a crime targeting a religious institution. The person believed responsible for breaking into the church and causing the fire is in police custody, authorities said. We hope the person receives the help they need. Please keep that person in prayer.

St. Matthew Catholic Church will not have Mass tomorrow (Thursday) due to the smoke smell. We will have morning Mass on Friday and on the weekend as usual.

A restoration crew will be on site today to eliminate the lingering smell in a portion of the church and school.

We want to thank our local police, fire and first responders for their assistance to us in this great time of need.

Thank you for your prayers,

The Staff of St. Matthew Parish