

Back in the 1970s, as part of a class in electronics, my older brother and I built a computer from a kit. We had to put all the tiny component parts into several circuit boards, and following the directions, after several months of after school hours as well, it was complete.

It was hardly what we'd call a computer these days. More like an oversized calculator.

And of course in those days, there wasn't anything like Windows, or DOS, or anything.

The computer just sat there until we figured out how to program it.

Even today, computers become faster and faster, and every few months gain more memory and storage. But in reality that's all they. They don't really understand. They they don't really know anything. They don't really feel. They just store data.

Compared to the 1970s, our computers are miracles - storing photos, movies, and video games ... But nonetheless - they remain without understanding, knowledge, or feeling.

Today is Easter. In the first reading, St. Peter speaks to the crowd about what had happened recently in Jerusalem. The crowd knew about Jesus and how he had died - but they lacked understanding ... And they were without Faith.

In the Gospel, we rewind a couple of months to the first Easter, and Peter and John finding the empty tomb. And the Gospel speaks about how even they didn't understand what rising from the dead meant. Yet on seeing the empty tomb, we are told that they believed.

For us, we can reflect on where we may be in our relationship with Jesus Christ. Is it only a collection of raw data? Do we remember facts and stories from catechism, but have we failed to let it penetrate our hearts?

Do we understand theories of theology that we've been taught, but is our faith weakened by recent events ... Recent headlines?

What will it take to take our relationship with Jesus Christ to the next level?

What do we need to rediscover or deepen our Faith? To renew ourselves in the Supernatural Virtues of Faith, Hope, and Love?

As we approach this altar to receive the Sacred Body and Blood, Soul and Divinity of Jesus Christ - risen from the dead ... Let us as for whatever it is that we need ... Let us beg for the graces we so desire ... So that with the Risen Christ, we may rise today from where we are and become the individuals that God the Father created us to be ... Holy, redeemed, and filled with grace, love, and mercy ... Empowered by the salvation that is ours ... And energized by the transforming power of the Holy Spirit.