***HZT4U Fr. Paul Guest Speaker notes:***

-Fr. Paul has been in the ministry for over 19 years. He came to Canada 8 years ago.

-He has no doubts when it comes to faith.

-Fundamental question: “Why are we here?”

-Socrates: “An unexamined life” is not worth living.”

-Philosophy begins with wonder, eg., Why is the grass green? Why am I a man or a woman?

-We are beautifully made by God. Each one of us is unique. “God made you and threw away the world.”

-The universe was made by an intelligent design because there is purpose.

-God has given us talents. Why? When you use your gift, it glorifies God. And anyone can make someone else happy. Some people are brilliant but don’t share their brain.

-To serve God is to figure out God’s will.

-The Sound of Music: quest for God’s will

-We are all called to serve others (Saints) (eg., less privileged).

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-How do we know what God is asking of us? Silence is golden (prayer & meditation)

Q&A:

-God does not will evil

-We pray to God. We address God. We pray through Jesus who is also God (Catholics).

-Fr. Felt God was calling him. He left his family to be a priest at age 13.

-Religion and politics can co-exist. Why not? Jesus paid taxes.

-When we don’t get what we want, we question God. This is OK, it’s human. Likewise, you can get angry with God, just as you would a parent. Human feelings v. spiritual…

-#’s are down in the Church: people aren’t happy because they haven’t put effort into figuring purpose.

-Abraham and Isaac: Isaac still loved God after.

-In terms of non-believers and the afterlife: “Who are we to judge?” “Is there really such a thing as an atheist?” “God is merciful.”

-Evil is deprivation of God.

-God on society: disappointed? Yes. Mistakes are allowed though. He overlooks sin so people may repent.