



MOVIES FOR LENT



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FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT, Film: *Pig* (2021), Theme: Redemption, Scripture: John 11:1–45 (The Raising of Lazarus)

Introduction: On the Fifth Sunday in Lent, the Church hears the story of Lazarus—a narrative of grief, delay, lament, and ultimately resurrection. Jesus does not rush to prevent suffering. Instead, he enters into it, weeps within it, and calls forth new life from what appears beyond hope.

Pig is a quiet, restrained meditation on grief and redemption. Rob, a reclusive truffle hunter living in the wilderness, is forced back into a world he has withdrawn from after the violent loss of his beloved companion. What unfolds is not a revenge story, but something far more contemplative—a journey through memory, loss, and the possibility of restoration.

Lent invites us to sit honestly with sorrow, without rushing prematurely to resolution. *Pig* reminds us that redemption is rarely loud. It is often subtle, tender, and deeply human. In the midst of grief, something holy may yet be at work.

Discussion Questions

1. After viewing *Pig*, what thoughts and impressions lingered after the credits rolled? Why?
2. From a cinematic perspective, what did you enjoy about the film? What worked well? What did not?
3. *Pig* is a film about grief and redemption. How do different characters deal with grief in the film, and how does it affect their ability to find redemption and move toward wholeness?
4. In this week's Gospel reading, we encounter the death and resurrection of Lazarus (John 11). Experiencing deep pain and loss, like those in the film, can feel like a painful death. How are Jesus' words—"I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live"—redemptive for those who feel grief and loss, and how can we be agents of God's redemptive love in tangible ways?

How to Access This Film

Pig (2021) is available through the following legal streaming and rental options in Canada: Preferred Streaming Option, Crave, Subscription: \$11.99/month (no free trial). Rent / Buy Apple TV, Amazon Prime Video, Rent: \$4.99, Buy: \$12.99. Availability and pricing may vary by region and over time. For additional options or to check availability in other countries, www.justwatch.com/ca is a helpful tool for locating where films can be streamed, rented, or purchased legally.

About Movies for Lent

Movies for Lent is a Lenten film series curated by The Rev. Jason Tripp, President of Thorneloe University, in partnership with the Diocese of Algoma. Each film is paired with a central theological theme and Scripture from the lectionary, inviting viewers into reflection and conversation at the intersection of faith, culture, and lived experience.

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