



## Catholic Liturgical Rites

*This chart describes various Catholic Liturgical Rites available for those who have experienced miscarriage, stillbirth, infant loss, or a life-limiting prenatal diagnosis. Please contact your parish if you would like clergy to administer any of these rites.*

Liturgical Rite	Minister	Notes
Rite of Baptism for danger of death	Anyone	In an emergency, anyone can baptize, provided the child is still alive, and the person pours water and says "-name- I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit".
Blessing of child in the womb	Priest or Deacon	Can be done while the child is still in the womb.
Blessing of parents after Miscarriage	Priest or Deacon	Can be done at home, hospital, or church.
Rite of Naming and Commendation	Priest or Deacon	Can be done at home or church, and is for a child who died before birth.
Prayers after Death	Priest or Deacon	Can be done at home, hospital, or church.
Funeral Rites	Priest or Deacon	Can be done when there are the child's remains present. Family can choose readings if they would like. There are different options for the order of service. Contact Father for coordinating the Rites.
Funeral Mass	Priest	Can be done when there are the child's remains present. Family can choose readings if they would like. There are different options for the order of service. Contact Father for coordinating the Rites.
Mass of Memorial	Priest	Can be done if there are no remains present. Family can choose readings if they would like.
Rite of Committal	Priest or Deacon	Can be done when there are the child's remains present.
Masses for the Dead	Priest	Contact the parish to schedule a Mass for your child.
Mass on the Anniversary of death	Priest	Contact the parish to schedule a Mass for your child.