Youth Ministry COVID-19 Resources

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| Title | Description | Link |
| Project YM Live | Live youth ministry session on Sundays | <https://projectym.com/live/> |
| LifeTeen Blog | Blog on the virus | <https://lifeteen.com/blog/catholic-covid-19/> |
| LifeTeen Videos | LifeTeen YouTube channel | <https://www.youtube.com/user/LifeTeenInc> |
| Lectio Live | Live prayer with Sunday readings | <https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLeYPzNQ7pEh-nVk3aoHWy6tba7-LTXepo> |
| Catholic Faith Technologies |  | <http://faithformation.zohosites.com/> |
| Online Mass readings and reflections | Word Among Us | <https://wau.org/meditations/> |
| Online Mass readings and reflections | Magnificat | <https://us.magnificat.net/free> |
| Online Mass readings and reflections | Give Us This Day | <https://giveusthisday.org/Digital> |
| USCCB | Link to various resources | <https://catholiccurrent.org/covid19/> |
| NFCYM | A host of resources for everything from working from home tips to managing small groups remotely. | <https://nfcym.org/covid19/> |
| FORMED | If your parish has a subscription to FORMED (formed.org), now is a great time to look at all the resources they have to offer | [www.formed.org](http://www.formed.org) |
| Ascension Presents | Online videos with Fr. Mike Schmitz, Jackie & Bobby Angel, Matt Fradd & more | <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCVdGX3N-WIJ5nUvklBTNhAw> |
| David Bisono | Spanish podcasts and more | <https://www.facebook.com/creerescrecer/> |
| Vocation Lessons | Online curriculum that teaches students about marriage, priesthood, and religious life. Currently offering free access to lessons. **Teacher Login:** vocations2020. **Student Login**: vocation2love | <https://www.vocationlessons.com/> |

**Service Project Ideas and Resources during COVID-19**

**Bring joy to others**

* Use chalk to decorate your sidewalk with positive messages and images.
* Go on a family walk and pick up trash and recyclable items (wear protective gear).
* Call your friends and family to check-in.
* Check-in (via phone call or email) and see if there’s a safe way to help the most vulnerable in your community (elderly/disabled). Volunteer to help with grocery shopping, picking up medications, yard work, and other tasks that may be beyond their abilities.
* Help your family around the house.
* Adopt a local Nursing Home and write cards to share caring words.
* Reach out to local Foster Care Agencies to see what you can do/donate to help them.
* Lead a family rosary.

**Show support and appreciation for those who are helping us**

* Write a thank you note or put a sign of thanks in your yard for
* the trash collectors,
* the postal workers,
* the local firehouse,
* the local police station,
* the grocery store workers,
* your teacher(s),
* the nurses, doctors, and janitors at the hospitals – Here are some addresses of specific hospitals <https://www.handsonatlanta.org/upcoming-events/thank-an-atlanta-health-care-provider>, and/or
* the Director of the CDC, Dr. Robert Redfield, who is a Catholic (<https://www.cdc.gov/about/leadership/director.htm>)

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**Provide help to those who are food-insecure**

* Make sandwiches and deliver them to the St. Francis Table at the Shrine of the Immaculate Conception (downtown Atlanta).
* DEAM (Decatur-Area Emergency Assistance Ministry) is accepting food donations from 9 am – noon on Wednesdays. To see the most needed items, visit <https://www.deamdecatur.org/contribute>

DEAM is located at Holy Trinity Episcopal Church (Entrance on Sycamore Place)
[**515 E. Ponce de Leon Avenue
Decatur, Georgia 30030**](https://goo.gl/maps/ao7bs5xMk6L2)Leave under the canopy (even if table is unmanned) and they will retrieve the items.

* St. Vincent de Paul (SVdP) food pantries are accepting food donations.  To find locations, what is most needed and for more information about donation times, visit <https://www.svdpgeorgia.org/blog/food-drive/>
* Intown Collaborative Ministries is collecting food donations on Tuesdays and Fridays from 11 am-1 pm. For a list of food items they need and more information about how to drop off donations, visit <https://intowncm.org/icm-covid-19-response>.
* Gallas Pizza and Wings has partnered with two charities, Cross-Cultural Ministries ([ccmatlanta.org](https://nam10.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=http%3A%2F%2Fccmatlanta.org%2F&data=02%7C01%7C%7C37b08ab9129442b543db08d7d59add8b%7C84df9e7fe9f640afb435aaaaaaaaaaaa%7C1%7C0%7C637212733429318086&sdata=X7AW8VXJ%2Fzq9FFLPdu%2BIIbPY%2Ffqgx6LYln17G%2FitV0c%3D&reserved=0)) and LaAmistad ([laamistadinc.org](https://nam10.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=http%3A%2F%2Flaamistadinc.org%2F&data=02%7C01%7C%7C37b08ab9129442b543db08d7d59add8b%7C84df9e7fe9f640afb435aaaaaaaaaaaa%7C1%7C0%7C637212733429318086&sdata=0PZovnCQgFvUSfKzHR1EUWcRjOgBNqdzCkijG3xLisQ%3D&reserved=0)), to help those struggling to keep food on the table.  Galla's is accepting donations of non-perishable items and gift cards (Kroger, Publix etc) and will distribute them to the Cross-Cultural Ministries and LaAmistad charities. You can drop at the restaurant 4849 Peachtree Rd, Chamblee, GA 30341, or if you have a delivery the delivery driver will take goods back for you so you don't have to leave your car.
* Hands On Atlanta, in partnership with the Atlanta Community Food Bank, will be operating 5 food distribution sites to help those in the Atlanta Public School (APS) district. Volunteers will unload pallets of food, pack the food in bags to be distributed to families through a drop off-line, and assist with clean up. Projects will have 8-10 volunteers at a time. <https://volunteer.handsonatlanta.org/opportunity/>

**Feed healthcare workers**

* Children’s Healthcare of Atlanta website for food donations: <http://give.choa.org/foodforstaff>
* The Meal Bridge website enables participating hospitals to post daily shifts open to meal donations and local restaurants to provide take-out meals. You order the food from the restaurant, and they deliver it straight to the participating hospitals. <https://www.themealbridge.com>.
* Mercy Care, the Catholic healthcare organization for the homeless and under-insured here in Atlanta, needs meal kits and masks for its street medicine teams. There is a PDF with instructions on their website here: <https://mercyatlanta.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/04/Meal-Kit-Flyer-2020-002.pdf>. The organizer, Nicole Smith (Nicole D. Smith <NSmith2@mercyatlanta.org>), shared

"We have a growing and urgent need for meal kits. Many of the food resources for the homeless have closed so our Street Medicine team's monthly demand has doubled. ... All donations can be dropped of at Mercy Care Chamblee – 5134 Peachtree Road, Chamblee GA 30341. There is drop box at the back door open Monday through Friday from 8 am to 4 pm."

**Help make masks for the Emory healthcare community**

* For instructions on how to make masks and how to deliver them to Emory University Hospital, please visit <http://www.emoryhealthcare.org/covid/n95-mask.html>.

**Provide supplies to those on the frontline at Emory**

* <http://www.emoryhealthcare.org/covid/how-to-help.html>

**Additional ways you can help**

* Pebble Tossers is an organization started by two parents, and they have service opportunities for parents and their children to do together. Each thing has been checked out to be sure it’s legit and to have the details in place. <https://www.pebbletossers.org/serve-from-home/>has specific ideas for what can be done right now.
* Hands On Atlanta: <https://www.handsonatlanta.org/relief#home>
* Support your local parishioners businesses (provide a list)
* Additional ideas: <https://www.atlantamagazine.com/news-culture-articles/covid-19-how-you-can-help-those-in-need-in-atlanta/>

If you have resources you’d like to add to this page, please send them to Elaine! ephillips@archatl.com