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**As is our custom, in the December issue of *JustLove*, we share some images/
reflections on the Incarnation through the lens of peace, justice, and Earth.**

“It is no use saying that we are born two thousand years too late to give room to Christ. Nor will those who live at the end of the world have been born too late. Christ is always with us, always asking for room in our hearts. It would be foolish to pretend that it is always easy to remember this. If everyone were holy and handsome, with *alter Christus* shining in neon lighting from them, it would be easy to see Christ in everyone. If Mary had appeared in Bethlehem clothed, as Saint John says, with the sun, a crown of twelve stars on her head, and the moon under her feet, then people would have fought to make room for her. But that was not God’s way for her, nor is it Christ’s way for himself, now when he is disguised under every type of humanity that treads the Earth.” ~ Dorothy Day



This beautiful sculpture lies in the heart of London. It is called 'The Christ Child' and was commissioned to celebrate the Millennium by commemorating the birth of Christ. It is by the talented sculptor Mike Chapman and is positioned beneath the portico of St Martin In The Fields, just off Trafalgar Square. It shows us a Christ Child who comes, as do we all, not into the Earth but out of the Earth.

“By becoming flesh the Word of God confers blessing on the whole of earthly reality in its material dimension, and beyond that, on the cosmos in which the Earth exists. Rather than being a barrier that distances us from the divine, this material world becomes a sacrament that can reveal divine presence. In place of spiritual contempt for the world, we ally ourselves with the living God by loving the whole natural world, part of the flesh that the Word became.”

~ Elizabeth Johnson



Refugees: The Holy Family, Kelly Latimore



Hail Mary by Ben Wildflower

“The idea of being a Rip Van Winkle who ‘sleeps through the revolution’ should give us pause to reflect at this time. It is all too easy to sleep through Advent; to drift from one party to another, from one busy car park to another, from one meal to another. But, if we are honest, so much of our lives are lived in a dream-like drift as well. I’m pretty there have been months, maybe years which for me were nothing but a drift. But advent calls us to attention. It proclaims the darkness in our lives and the promise of light to found in the mysterious child in the manger. Advent is nothing if not a call to wake up.” ~ Martin Luther King, Jr.



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